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# CAPTAIN AMERICA





1940! As the world teetered on the brink of global war, frail Steve Rogers entered a secret laboratory and was transformed into the American Super-Soldier! For five thrilling years, he fought the Axis Powers--until a freak stroke of fate threw him into suspended animation. When he awoke, he was a man decades out of his time! Since that fateful day, Steve Rogers sought his destiny in this brave new world!

But that was a long time ago...



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HAUTE-VIENNE,  
FRANCE.  
1944.



BUCKY!  
DOCTOR  
STRAUSS--  
I SEE  
HIM!

HE'S STILL  
CARRYING  
THE LAST OF  
ERSKINE'S  
FORMULA!

IF HE  
MAKES IT  
OUT OF HERE,  
THE NAZIS  
WILL BE ABLE TO  
CREATE AN ARMY  
OF SOLDIERS  
JUST LIKE  
ME!

GOOD  
TO HEAR.



I'M HUNGRY FOR MEN I WON'T BREAK IN TWO.

YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THIS TOWN WITH THAT FORMULA, CAPTAIN. YOU'RE NOT EVEN LEAVING IT ALIVE.

BUCKY! CATCH STRAUSSSEN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

PAPPY, WARRIOR WOMAN AIN'T NO PUSHOVER--!

IT'S MY FIGHT, BUCKY! GO! GO!

WHERE ARE YOUR PALS U-MAN AND BARON BLOOD, FRAULEIN? THEY FINALLY REALIZE THEY'RE PLAYING FOR A LOSING TEAM?

YOU USIN' THAT POTATO MASHER, ADOLPH? NO?

THEN LET OL' BUCKY TAKE CARE OF IT!

THE GREATER GERMAN REICH IS MIGHTIER THAN EVER, CAPTAIN!

YOU DON'T TALK THAT WAY ABOUT AMERICANS.

EVER.

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK A MASTER RACE SUCH AS OURS CAN BE CHALLENGED BY YOUR COUNTRY'S MONGREL BREEDS?





PAA  
PAA  
PAA  
PAA  
PAA

...AND IT'S  
CHANDLER ON  
THE MOUND! HE  
THROWS RIGHT FOR  
THE STRIKE  
ZONE...!

THA-WHOOM!

THE ALLIES  
HAVE YOUR  
ARMIES ON THE  
RUN, AND YOU  
KNOW IT!

THE ONLY  
RACE THE  
NAZIS CARE  
ABOUT NOW--

--IS HOW  
FAST THEY CAN  
RUN CRYING BACK  
TO THEIR  
FATHERLAND!

CRASH!





REPEAT AFTER ME: "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG..."

...FUH...  
FLAG...

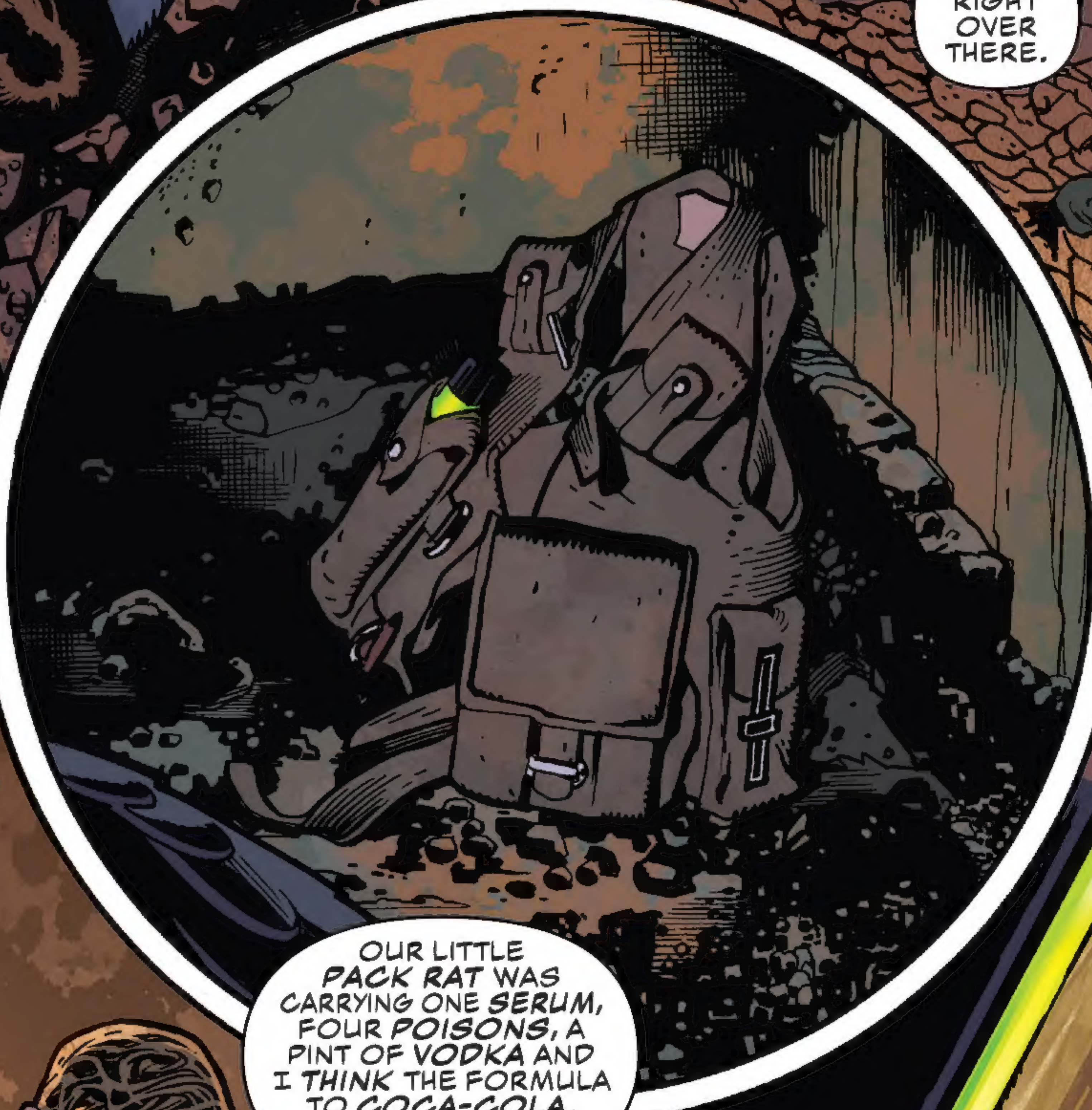
"...OF THE  
UNITED STATES  
OF HELL-YEAH  
AMERICA..."

...HUH...  
HHUUHH...



YOU  
RECOVERED THE  
FORMULA?

IT'S  
RIGHT  
OVER  
THERE.



OUR LITTLE  
PACK RAT WAS  
CARRYING ONE SERUM,  
FOUR POISONS, A  
PINT OF VODKA AND  
I THINK THE FORMULA  
TO COCA-COLA.  
FINDERS  
KEEPERS.



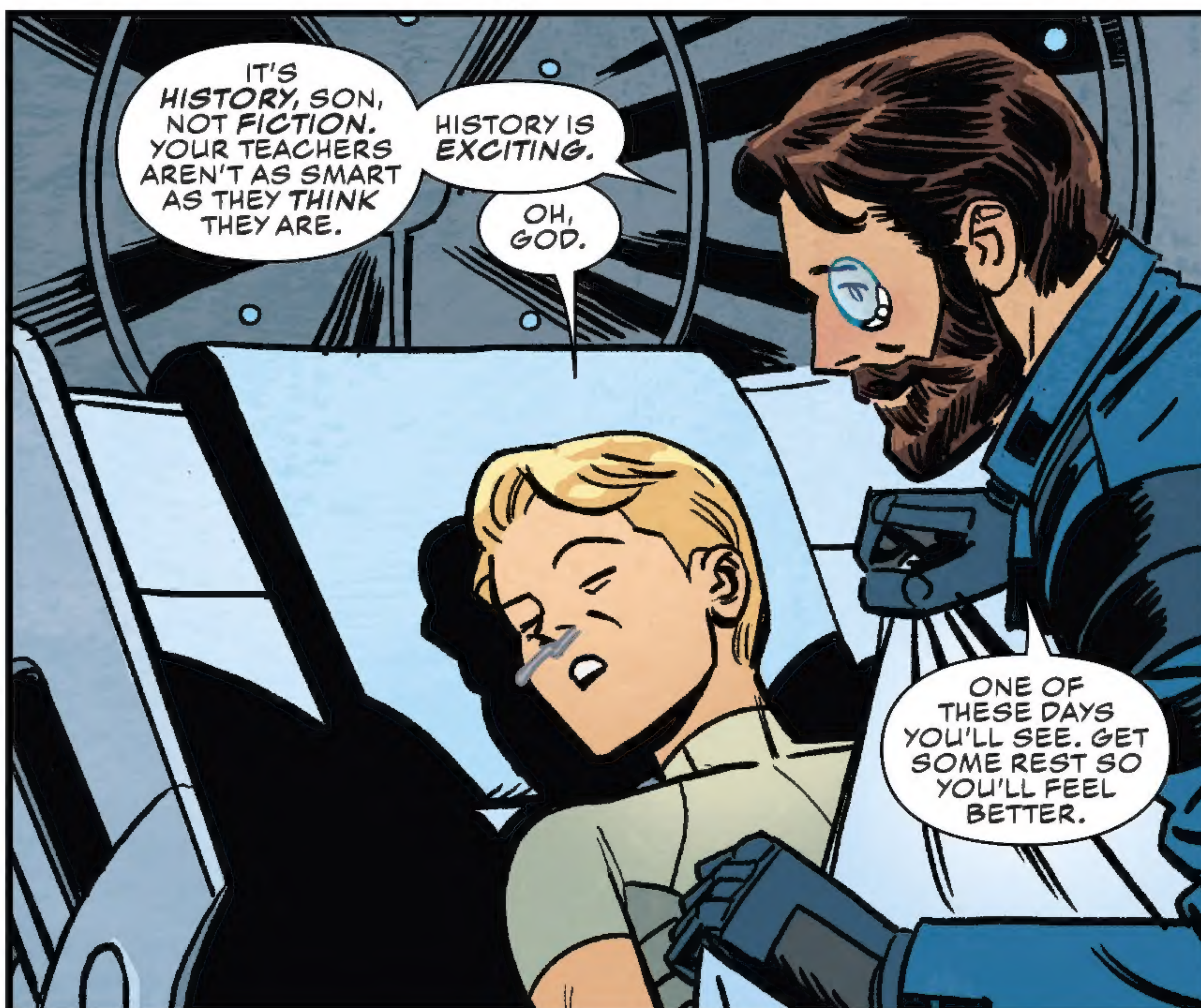
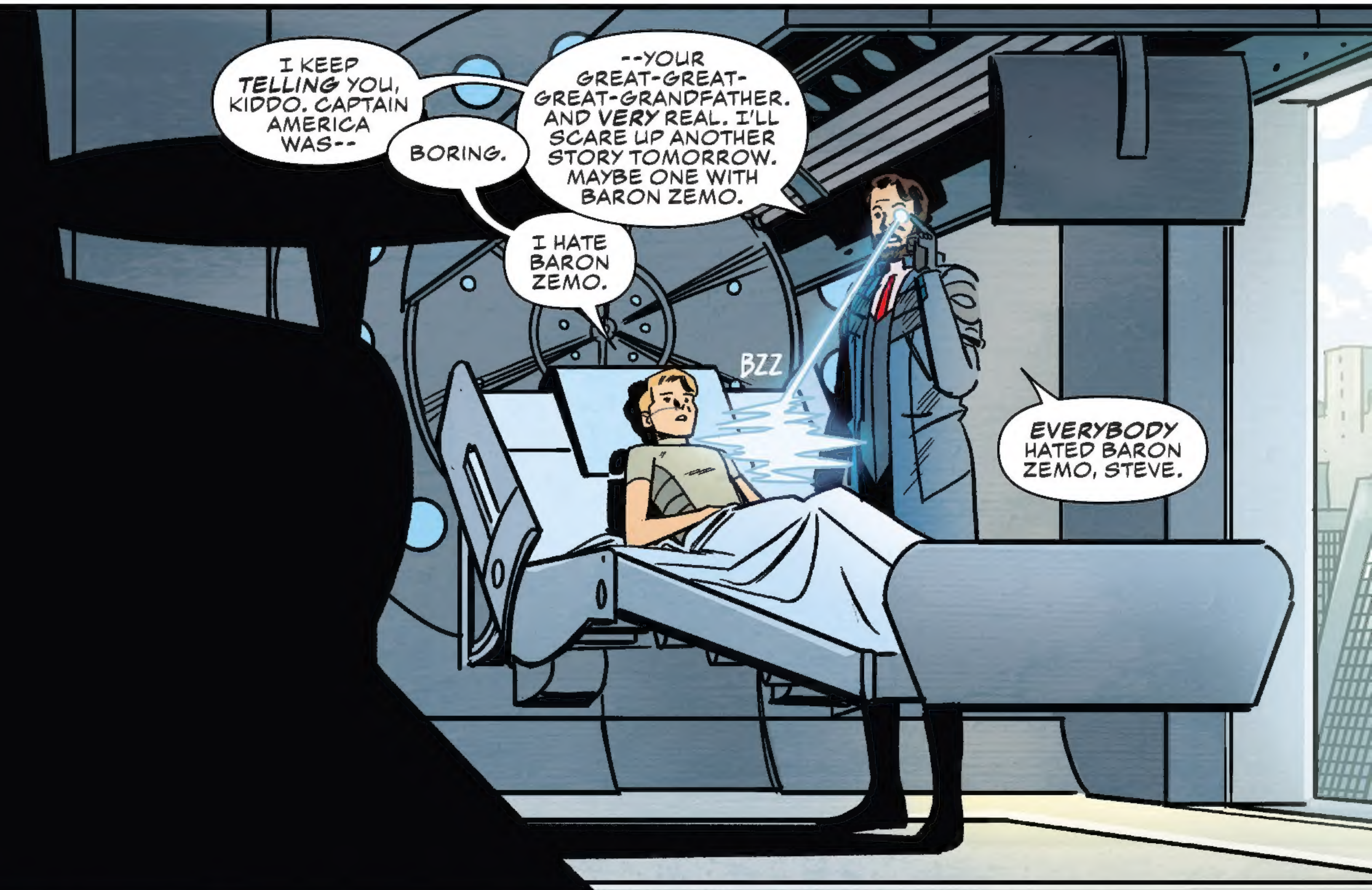
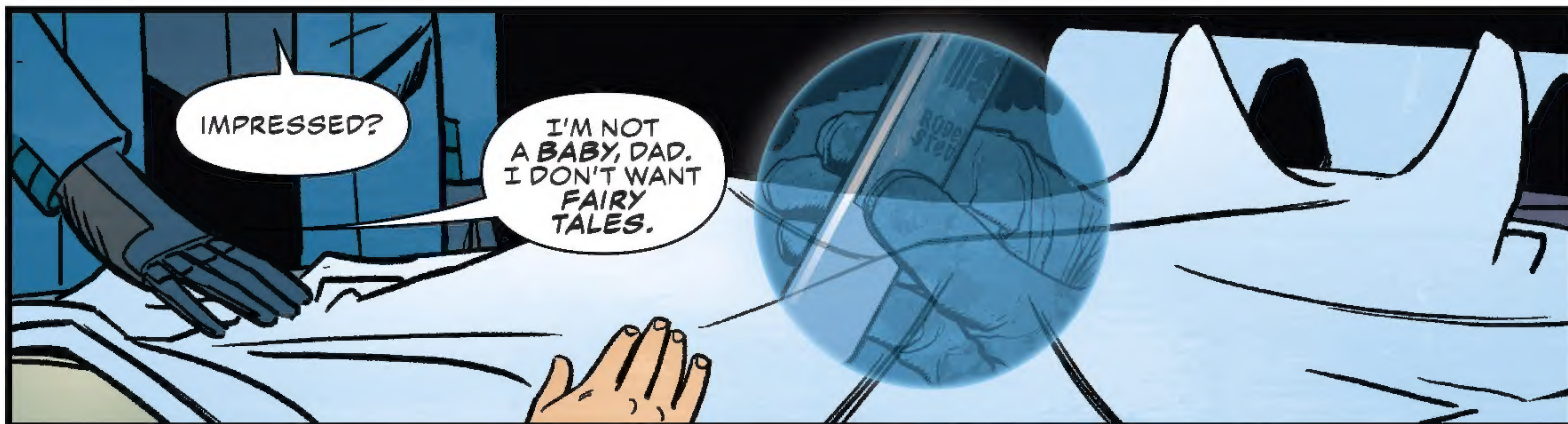
NICE WORK.  
I'LL RADIO ALLIED  
COMMAND.

SO LONG  
AS WE'RE  
AT WAR, THE  
SUPER-SOLDIER  
FORMULA IS OUR  
NATION'S MOST  
VALUABLE  
ASSET.

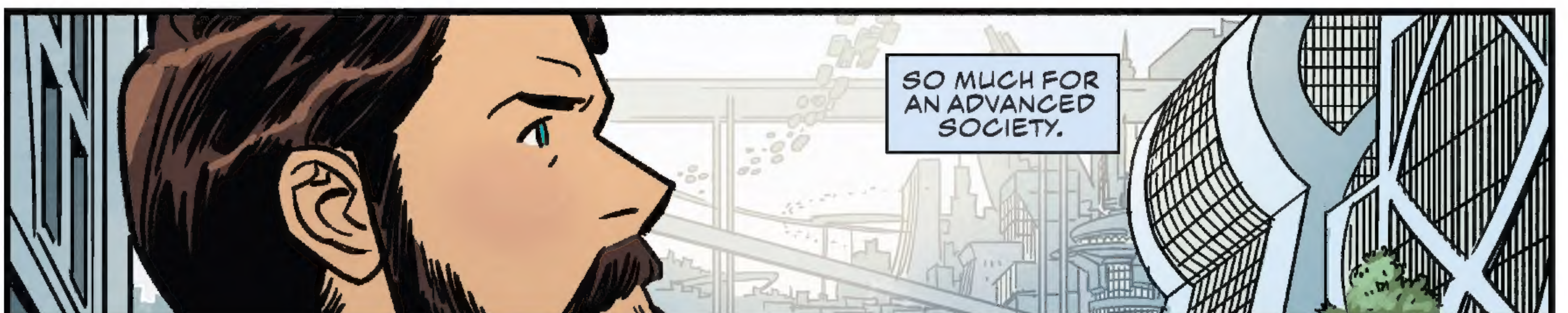
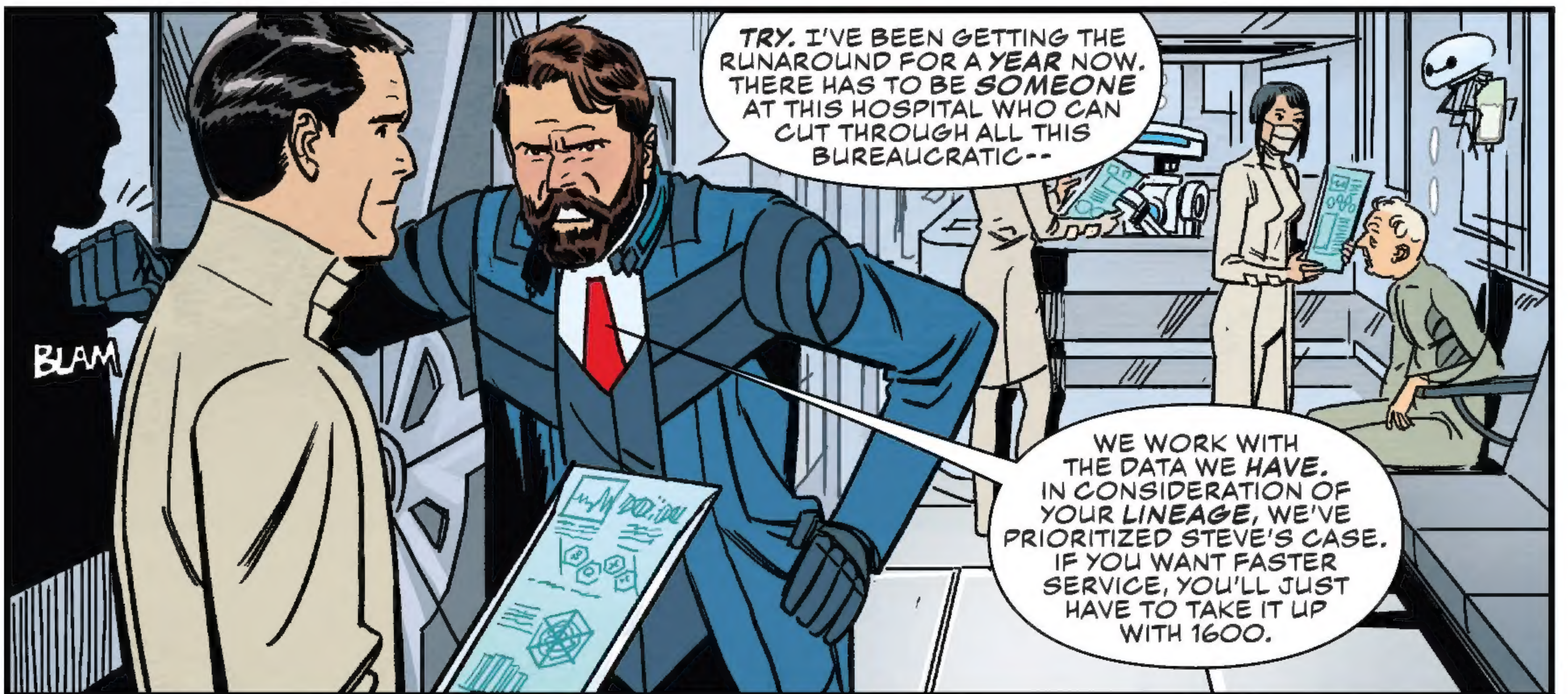
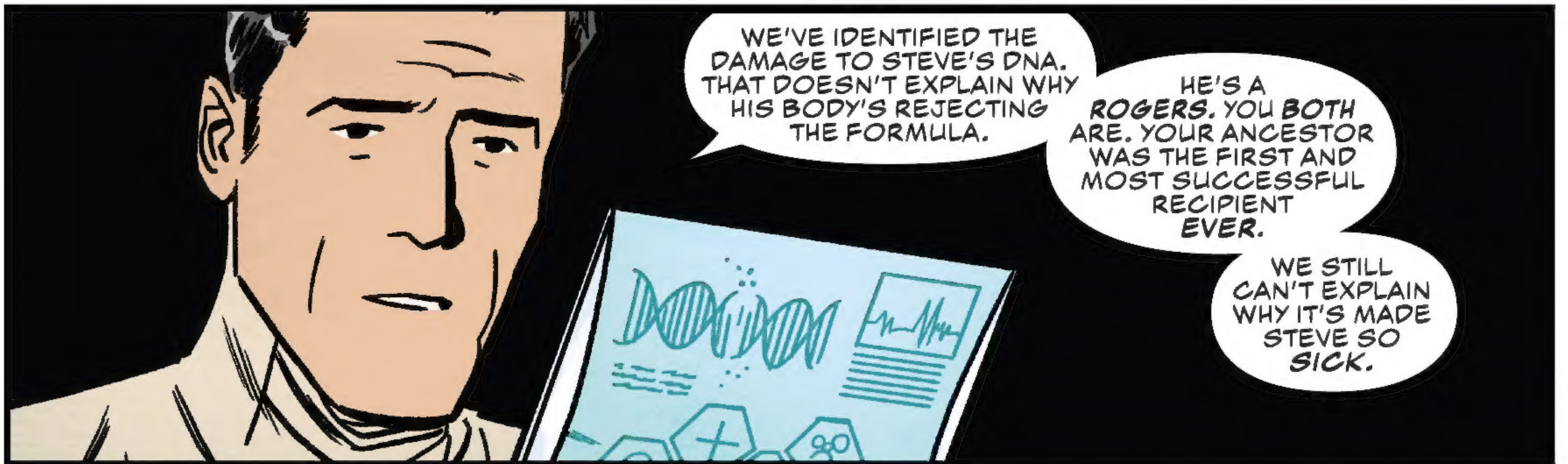


IF IT EVER  
FELL INTO THE  
WRONG HANDS,  
GOD HELP  
US ALL.

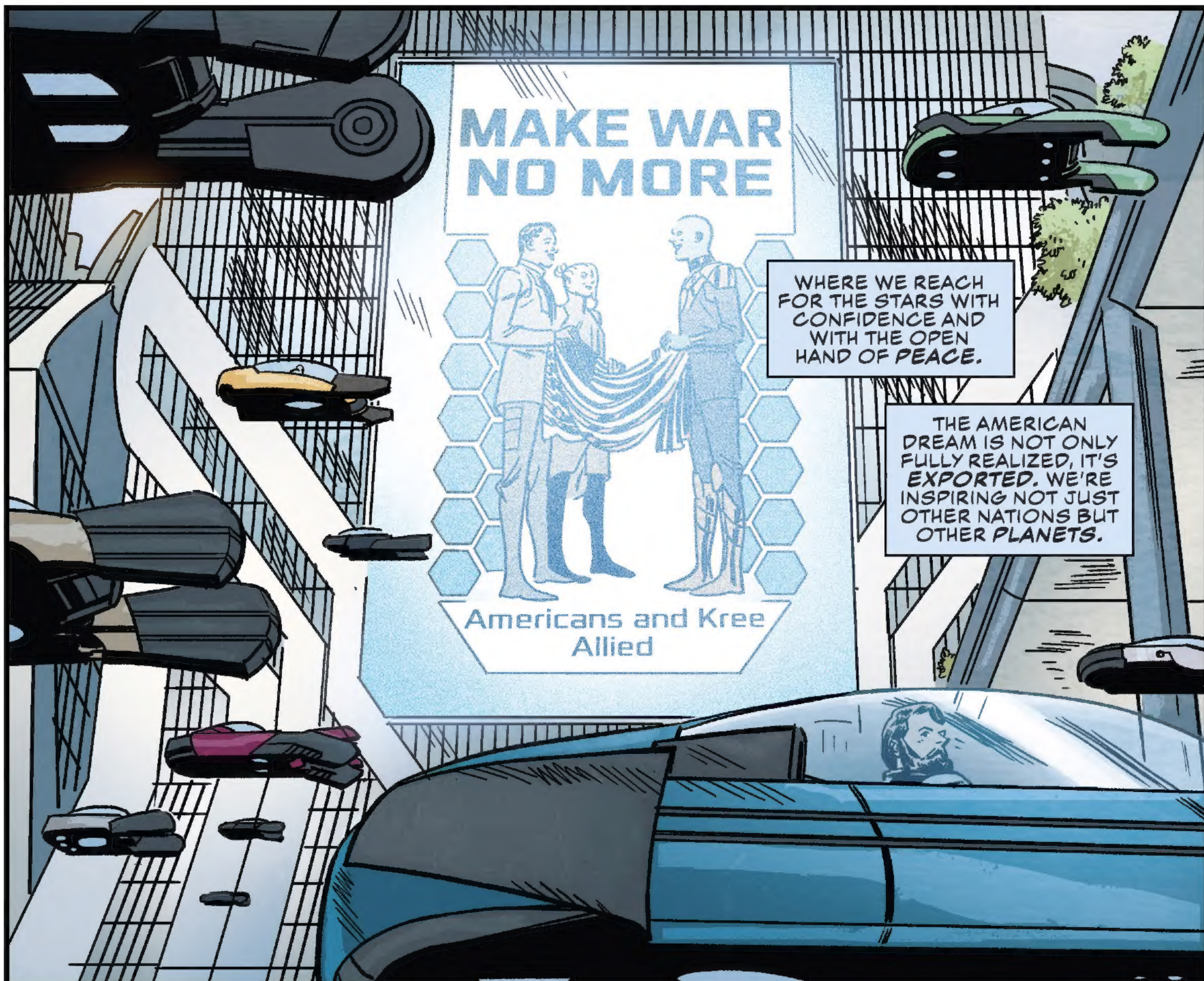
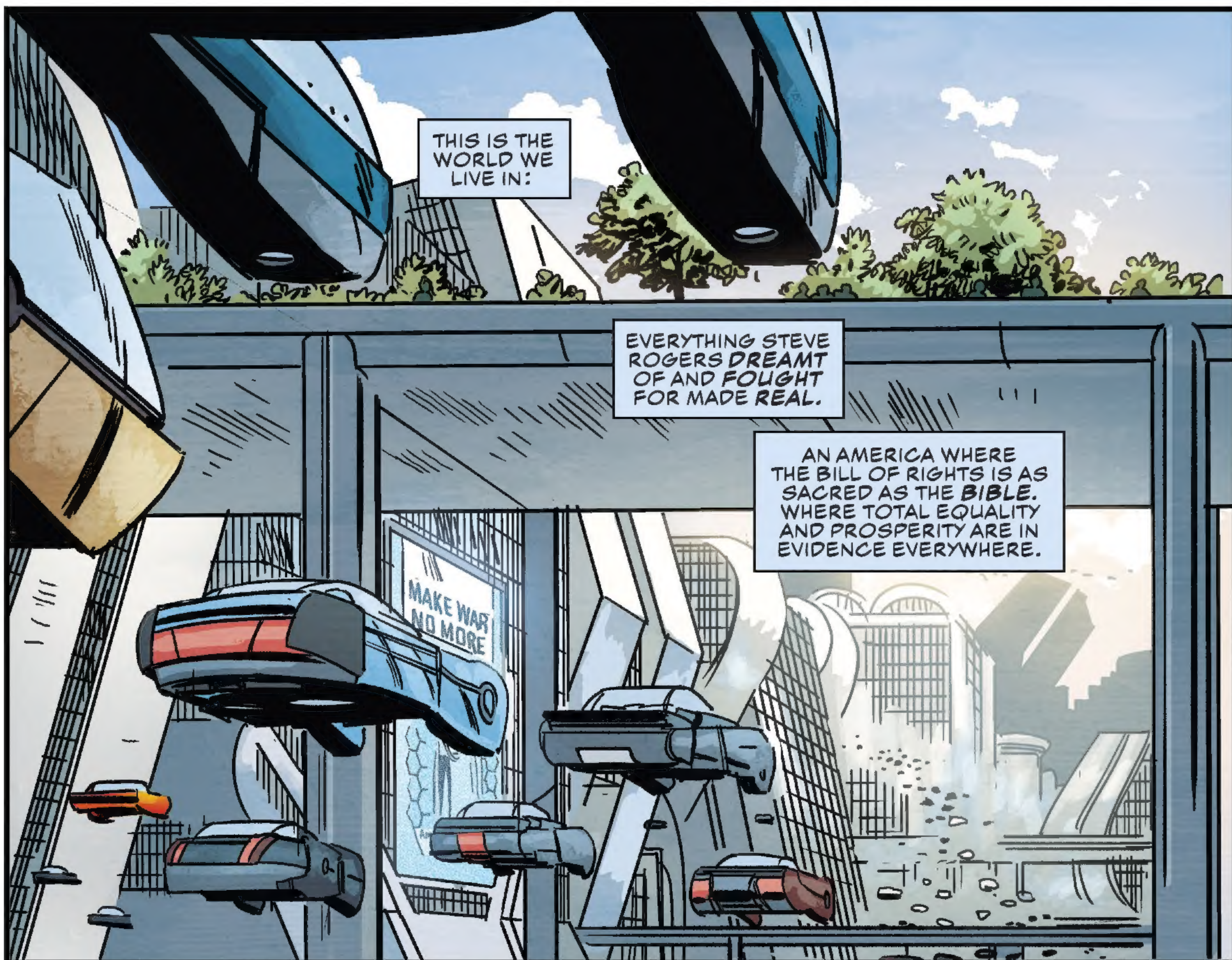




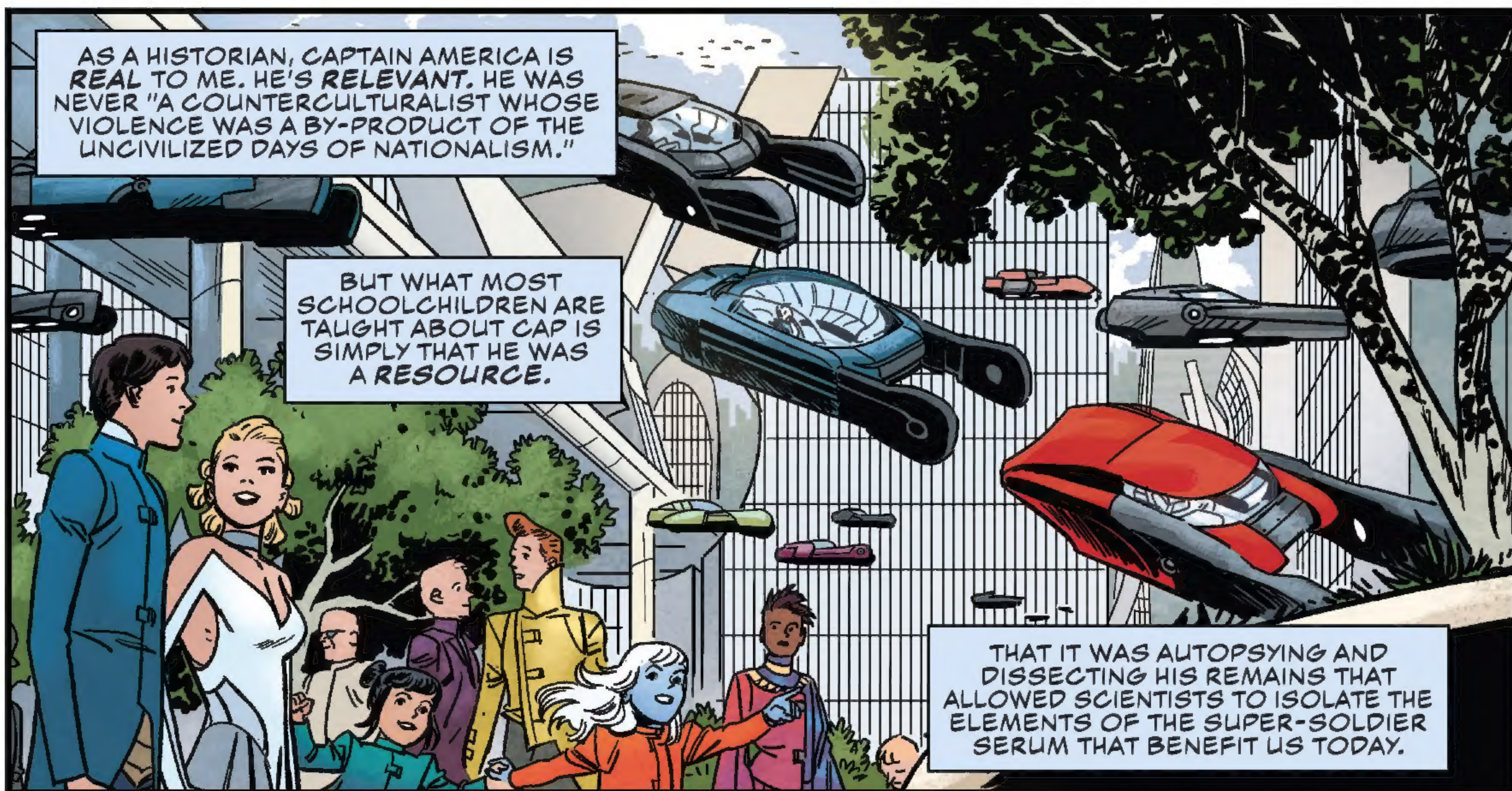








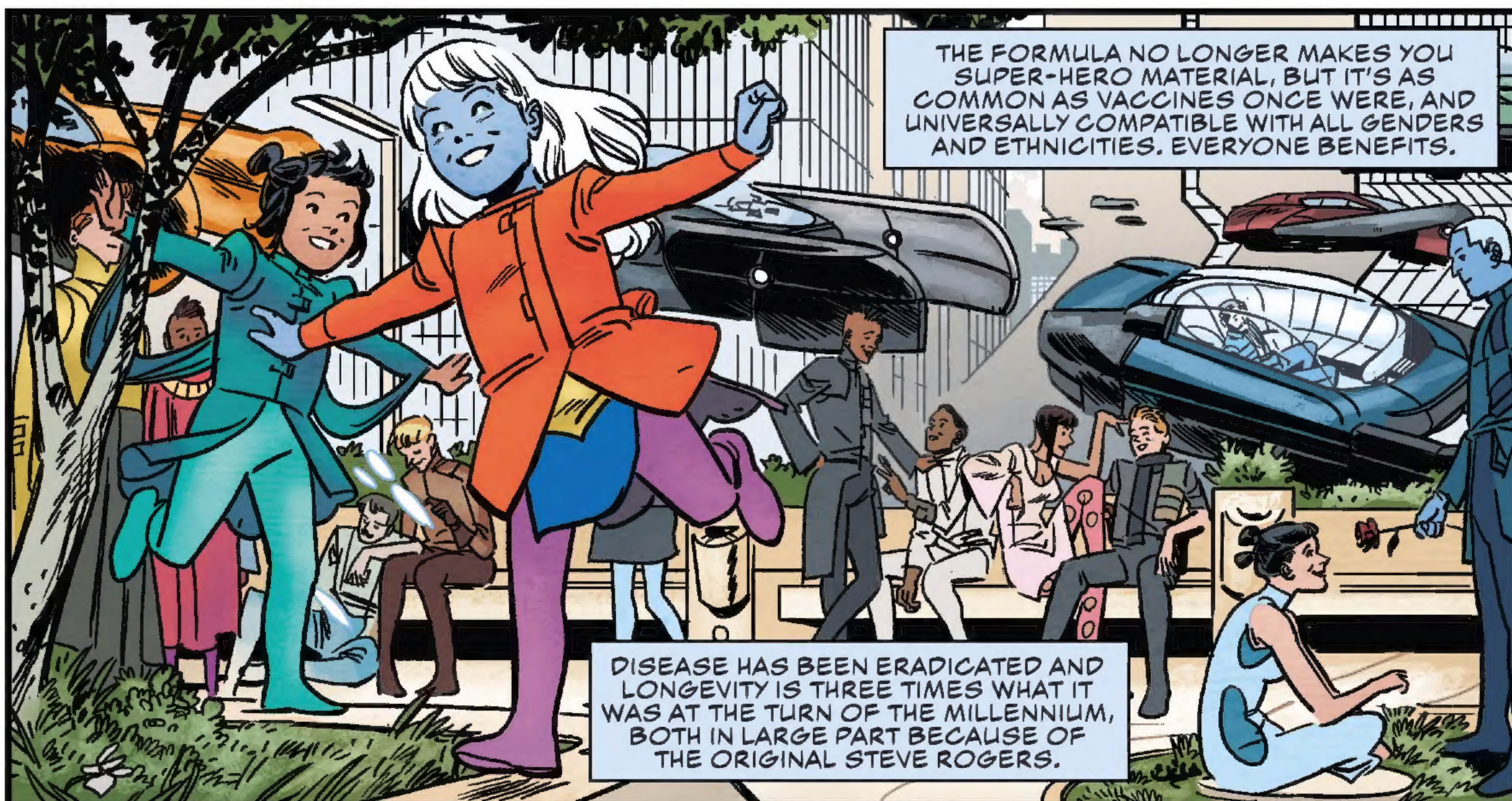




AS A HISTORIAN, CAPTAIN AMERICA IS REAL TO ME. HE'S RELEVANT. HE WAS NEVER "A COUNTERCULTURALIST WHOSE VIOLENCE WAS A BY-PRODUCT OF THE UNCIVILIZED DAYS OF NATIONALISM."

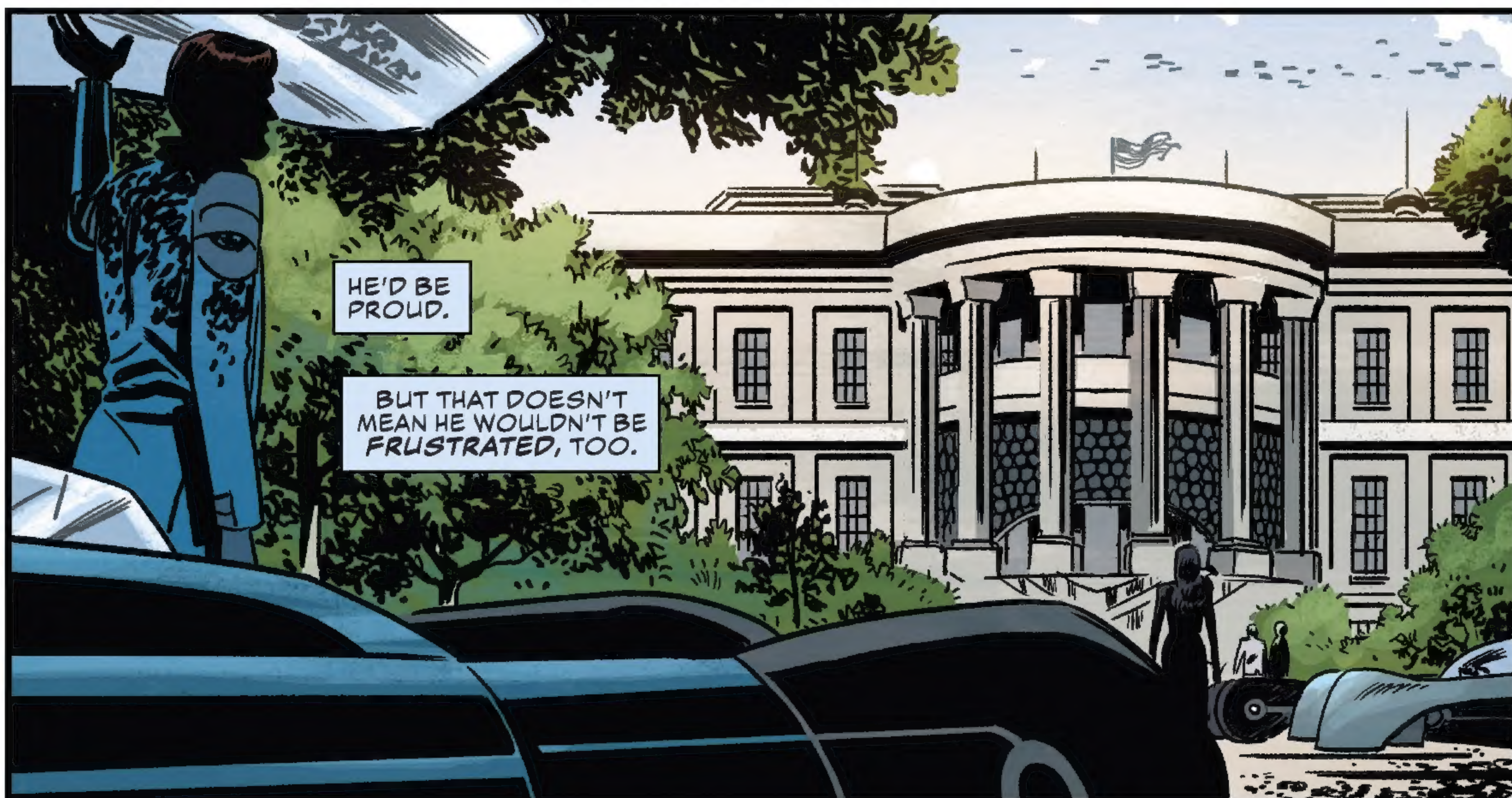
BUT WHAT MOST SCHOOLCHILDREN ARE TAUGHT ABOUT CAP IS SIMPLY THAT HE WAS A RESOURCE.

THAT IT WAS AUTOPSYING AND DISSECTING HIS REMAINS THAT ALLOWED SCIENTISTS TO ISOLATE THE ELEMENTS OF THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM THAT BENEFIT US TODAY.



THE FORMULA NO LONGER MAKES YOU SUPER-HERO MATERIAL, BUT IT'S AS COMMON AS VACCINES ONCE WERE, AND UNIVERSALLY COMPATIBLE WITH ALL GENDERS AND ETHNICITIES. EVERYONE BENEFITS.

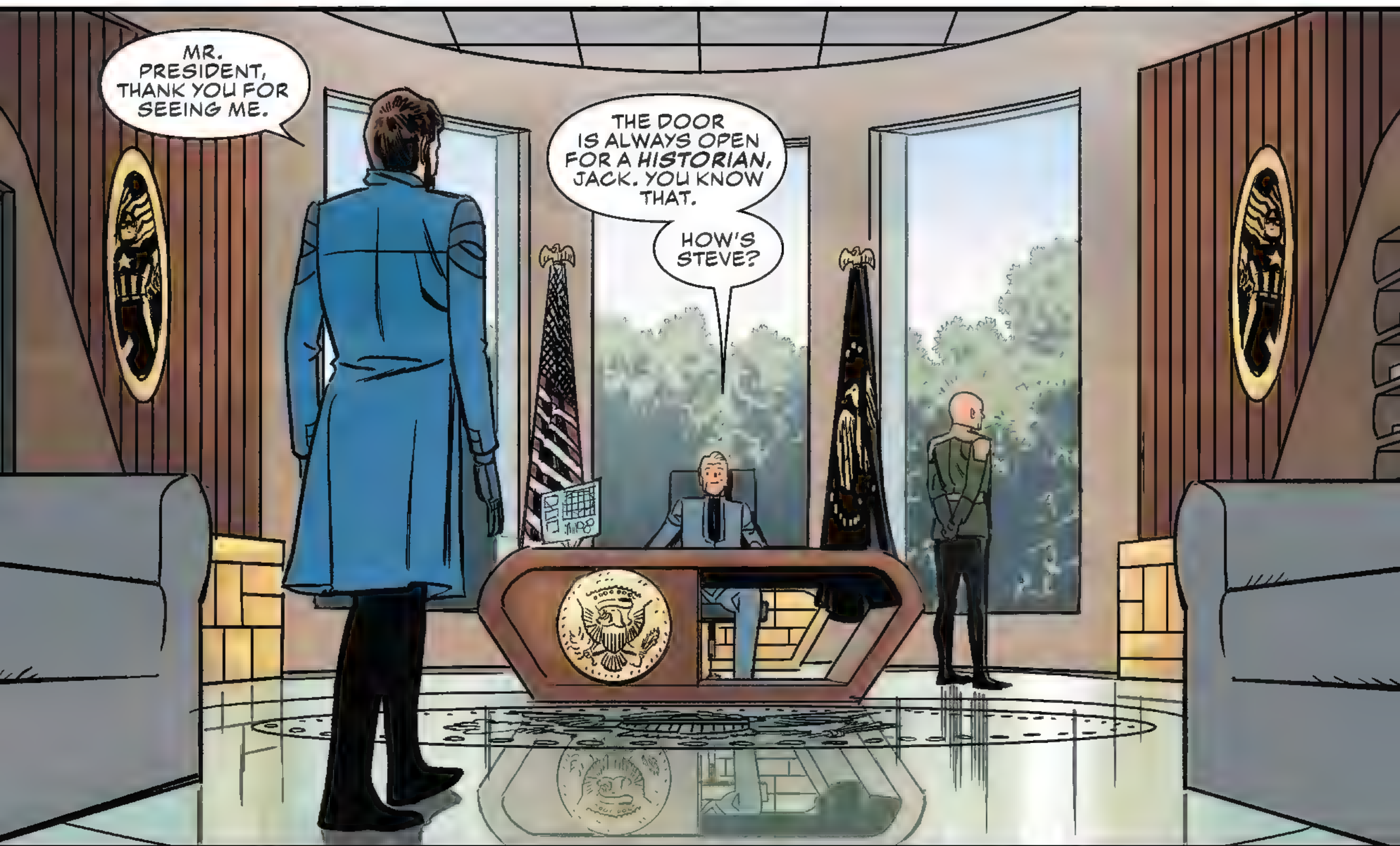
DISEASE HAS BEEN ERADICATED AND LONGEVITY IS THREE TIMES WHAT IT WAS AT THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM, BOTH IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF THE ORIGINAL STEVE ROGERS.



HE'D BE PROUD.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE WOULDN'T BE FRUSTRATED, TOO.





MR. PRESIDENT, THANK YOU FOR SEEING ME.

THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR A HISTORIAN, JACK. YOU KNOW THAT.

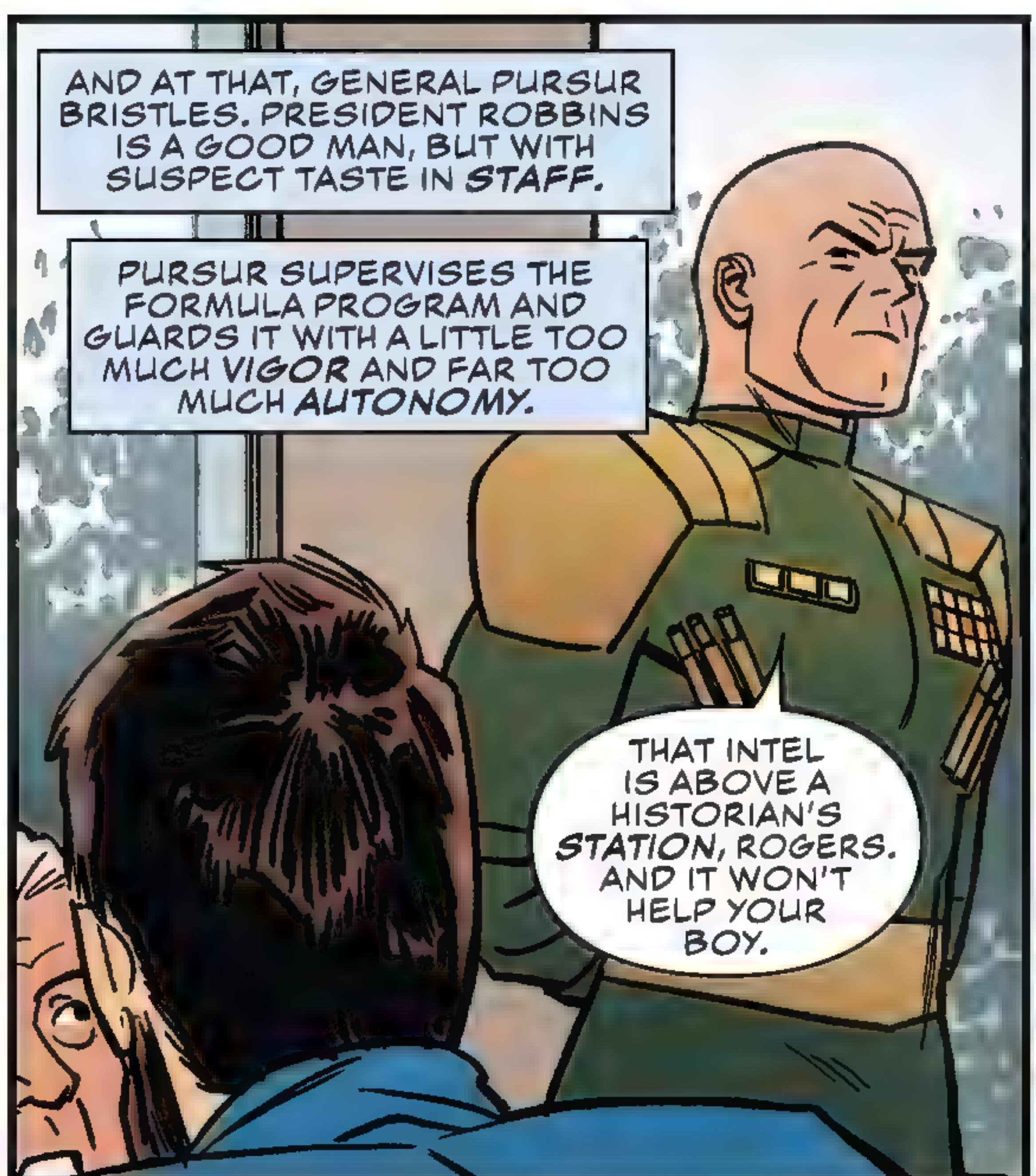
HOW'S STEVE?



GETTING WORSE, SIR. IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US NOW. I... I CAN'T LOSE MY SON.

THE DOCTORS ARE EITHER HELPLESS OR HOPELESS. THEY CLAIM THEY'RE BEING STONEWALLED FOR LACK OF DATA.

I'VE NEVER ASKED YOU FOR ANYTHING, MR. PRESIDENT, BUT I NEED YOU TO DECLASSIFY ALL THE FORMULA DEVELOPMENT RECORDS JUST THIS ONCE. PLEASE.



AND AT THAT, GENERAL PURSUR BRISTLES. PRESIDENT ROBBINS IS A GOOD MAN, BUT WITH SUSPECT TASTE IN STAFF.

PURSUR SUPERVISES THE FORMULA PROGRAM AND GUARDS IT WITH A LITTLE TOO MUCH VIGOR AND FAR TOO MUCH AUTONOMY.

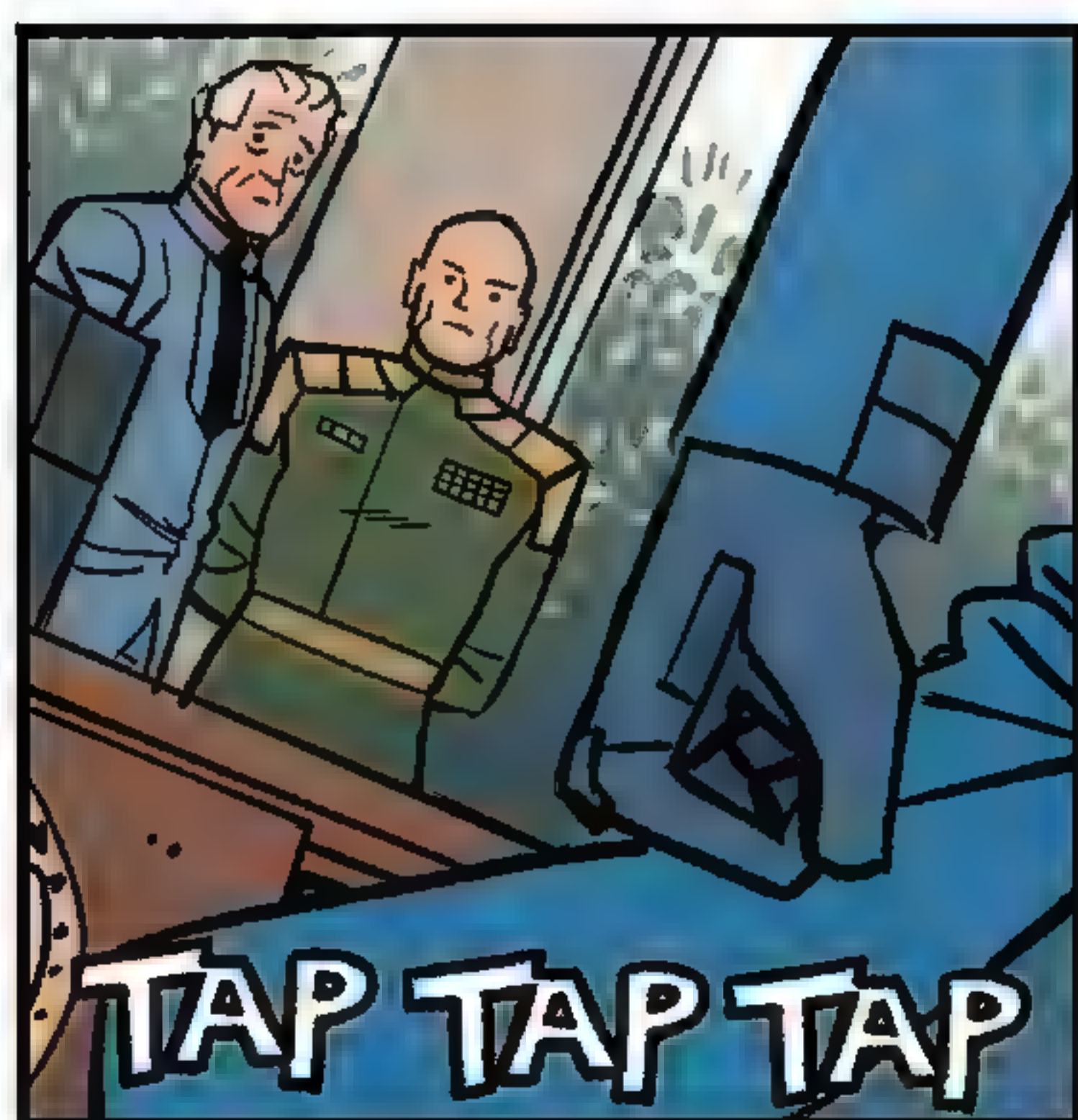
THAT INTEL IS ABOVE A HISTORIAN'S STATION, ROGERS. AND IT WON'T HELP YOUR BOY.



ARE YOU SUDDENLY A DOCTOR? I'M NOT ASKING TO EVEN LOOK AT THE DATA! BUT HIS MEDTECHS--

IT'S A MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY. WE CANNOT HAVE THE FORMULA GOING INTERSTELLAR.









"AIN'T EXACTLY  
THE SOCK HOP,  
IS IT, SOLDIER?"

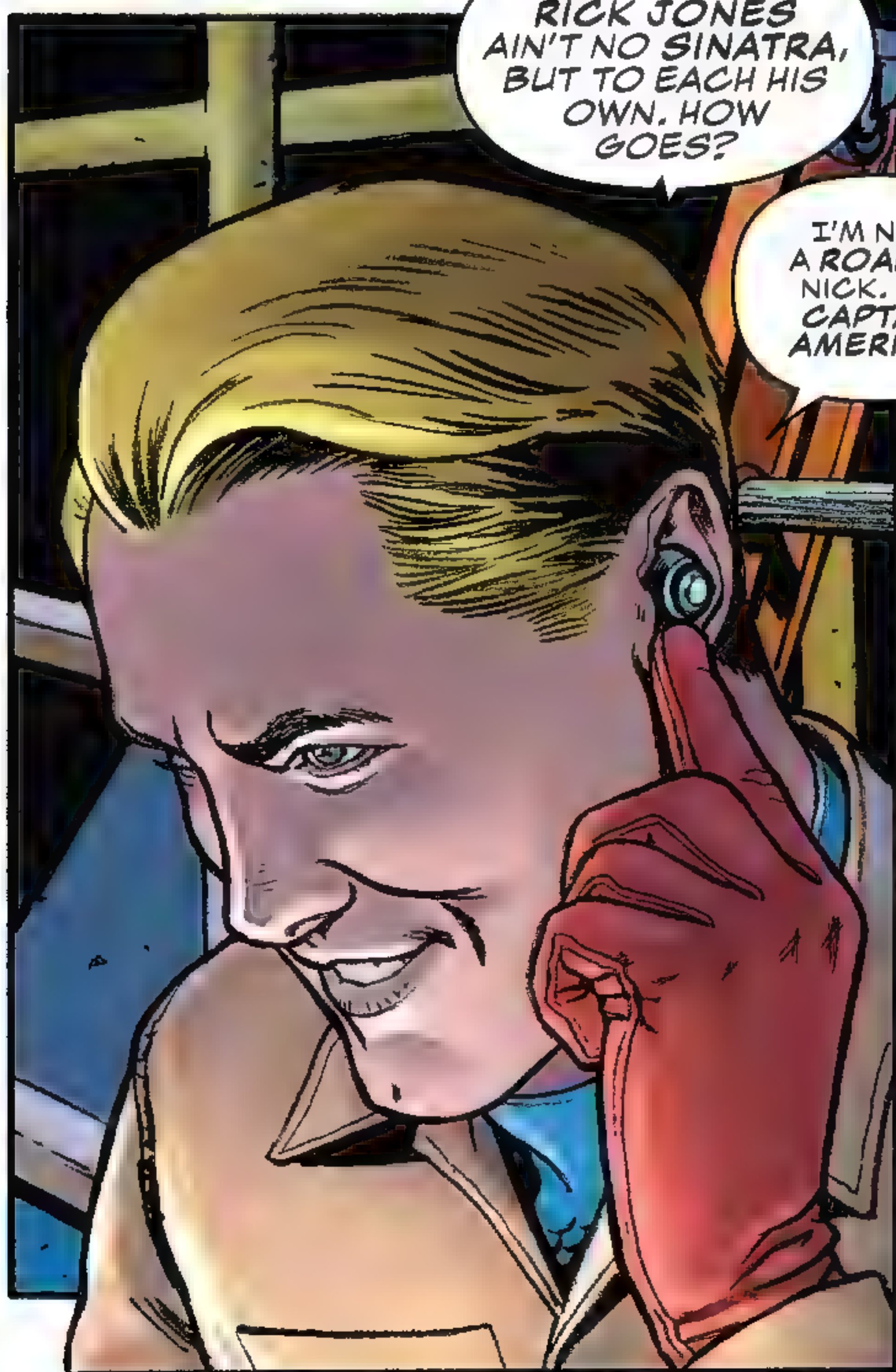
SAN FRANCISCO  
CALIF 1968 BERNIA





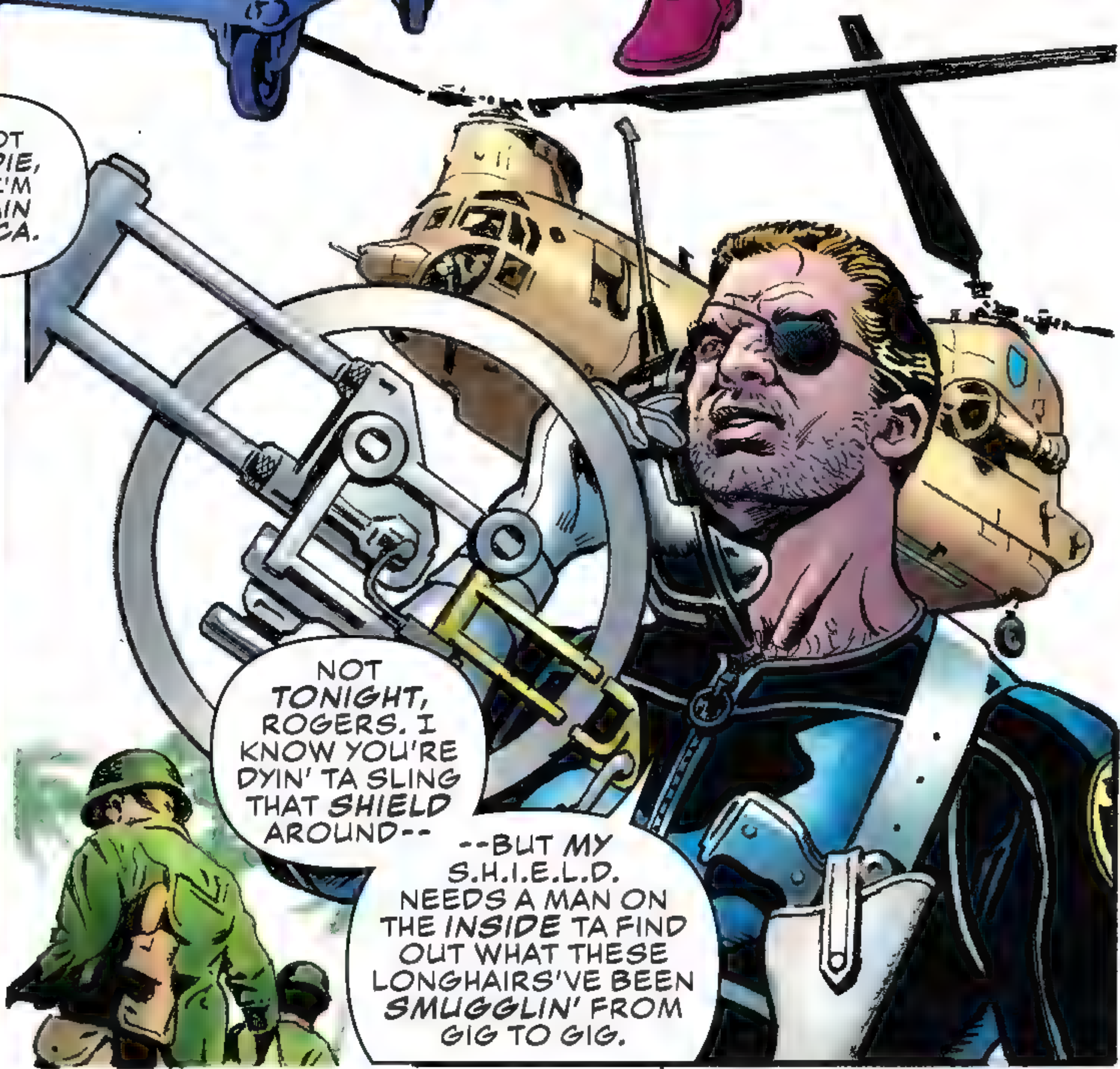
I'M NOT STUCK IN THE 1940s, NICK. GOOD MUSIC IS GOOD MUSIC.

WHATEVER.



YER BUDDY RICK JONES AIN'T NO SINATRA, BUT TO EACH HIS OWN. HOW GOES?

I'M NOT A ROADIE, NICK. I'M CAPTAIN AMERICA.



NOT TONIGHT, ROGERS. I KNOW YOU'RE DYIN' TA SLING THAT SHIELD AROUND--

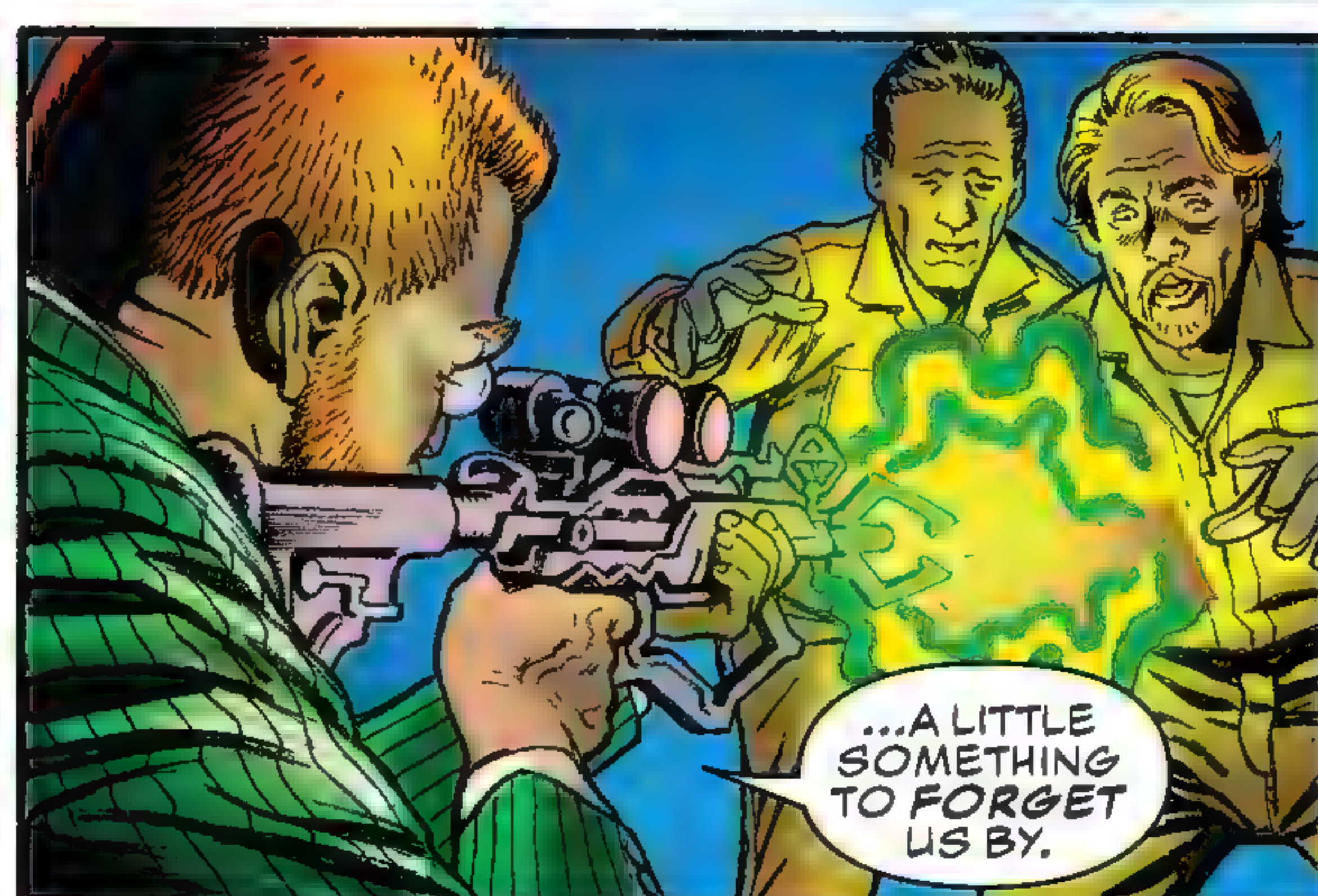
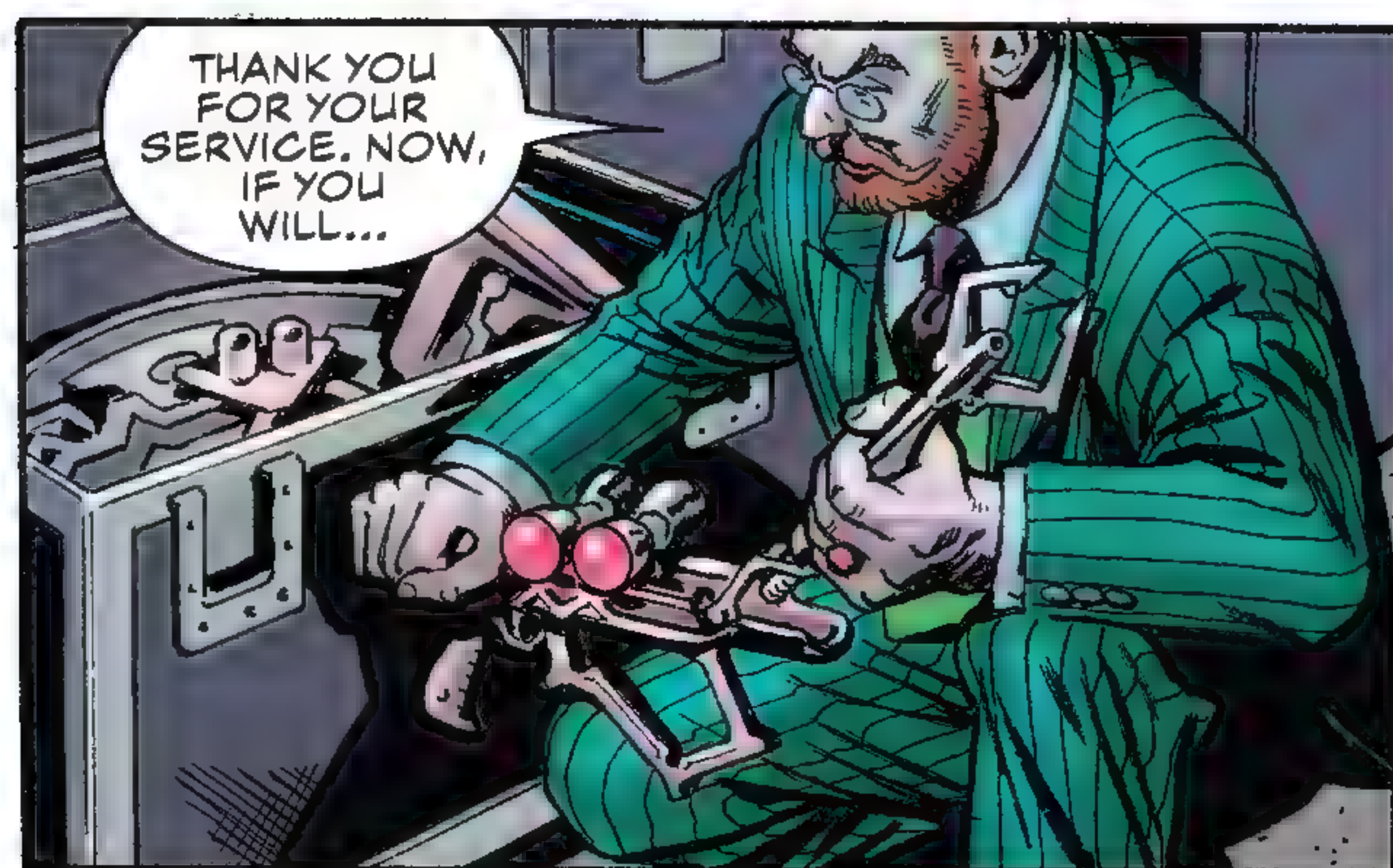
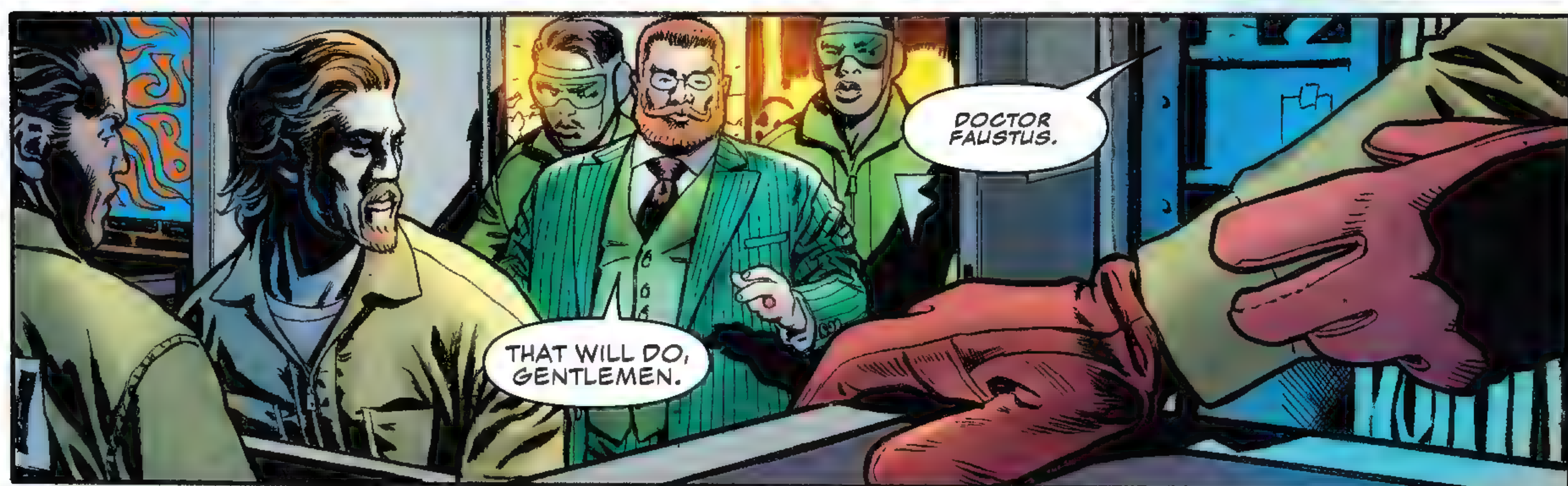
--BUT MY S.H.I.E.L.D. NEEDS A MAN ON THE INSIDE TA FIND OUT WHAT THESE LONGHAIRS'VE BEEN SMUGGLIN' FROM GIG TO GIG.



BINGO. HIDDEN CARGO. AWFULLY ADVANCED ELECTRONICS TO BE PACKED INTO A DRUM KIT.

THIS WAY. LET'S MOVE.







A NEW SCIENCE. TECHNOTROPICS. MIND-ALTERING ELECTRONICS. NO DRUGS REQUIRED FOR A MIND-BENDING TRIP.

THE A.I.M. TECHNOLOGY PERFORMS AS ADVERTISED. WITH THIS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE ANYTHING FROM ANYWHERE, WITH NO ONE TO STOP--

WAIT. TWO ROADIES...

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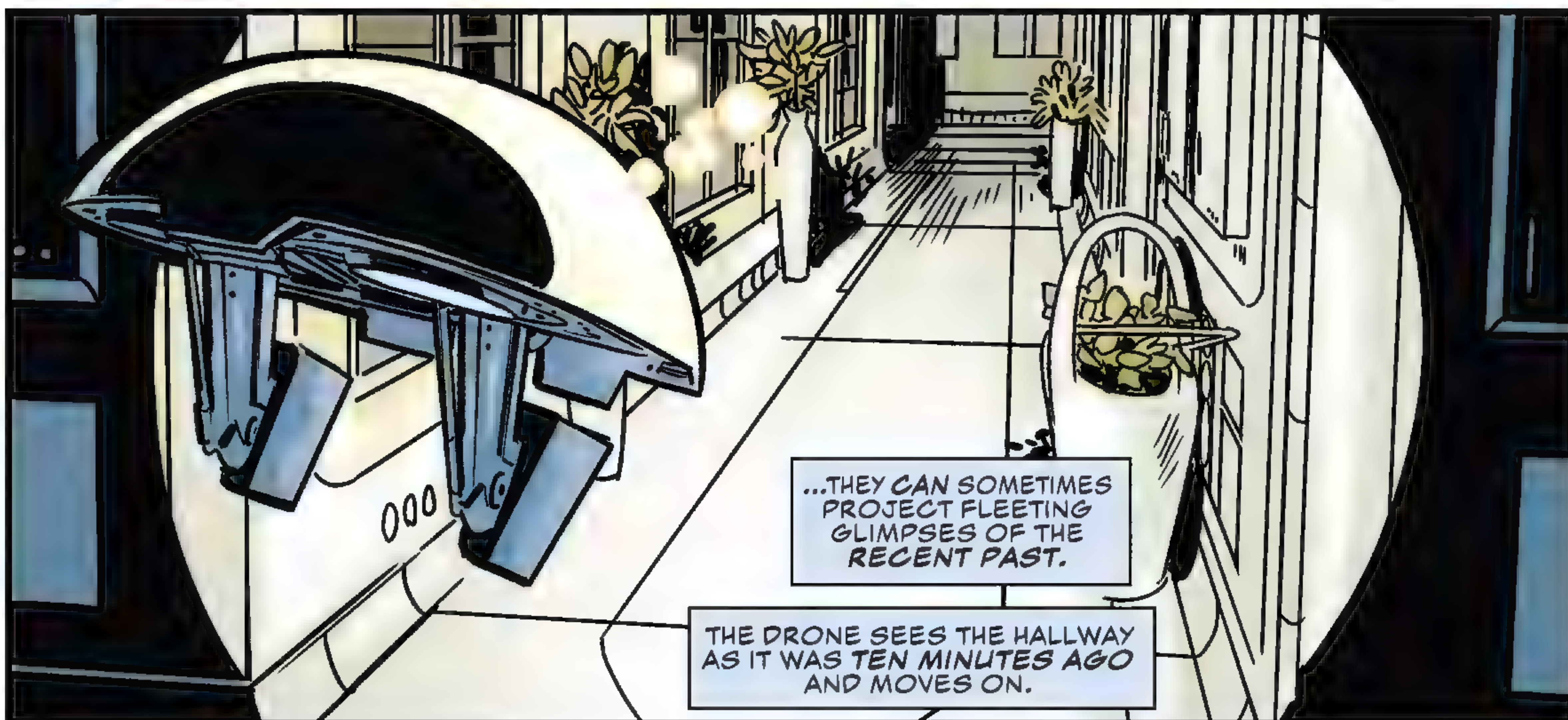
WAIT. TWO ROADIES...

...WHERE'S THE THIRD?

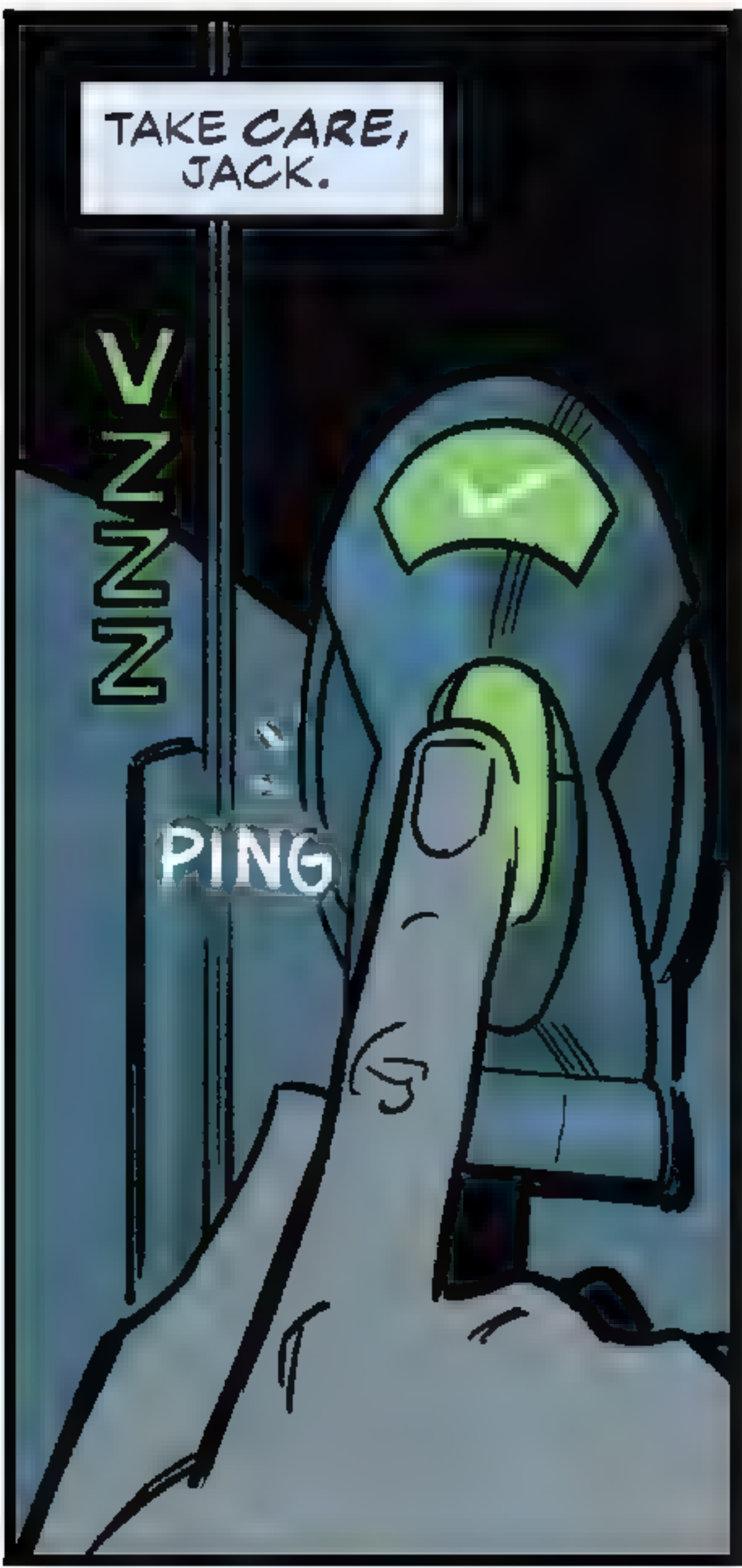
IN THE 24TH CENTURY, AN APPOINTMENT TO NATIONAL HISTORIAN IS AN ENORMOUS HONOR.



THERE ARE ONLY  
SO MANY TIMELENSES.  
WHEN STARKWAR III  
FRAGMENTED THE TIME  
STONE, THE GOVERNMENT  
COBBLED THE PIECES  
INTO VIEWERS DESIGNED  
TO CHRONICLE  
ANCIENT HISTORY.







TAKE CARE,  
JACK.

VNNNN

PING



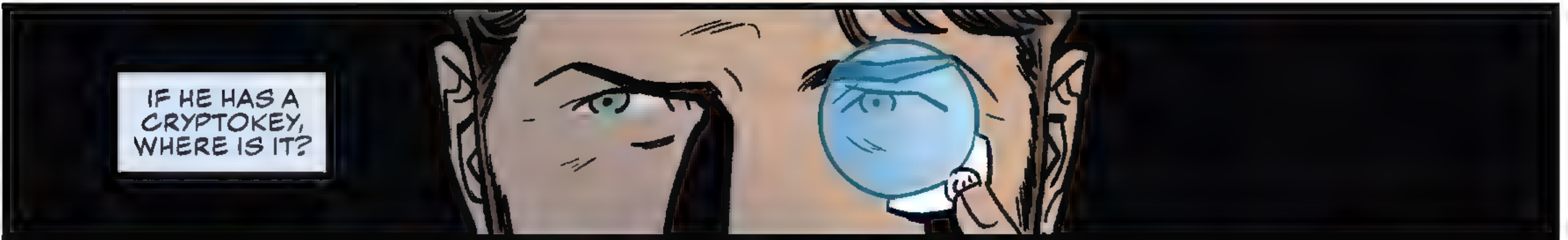
FSHHH

DON'T GET SO  
ELBOW-DEEP THAT YOU  
CAN'T SIMPLY SAY YOU  
GOT LOST IF YOU'RE  
CAUGHT IN PURSUR'S  
OFFICE.



HE WOULDN'T LEAVE  
VALUABLE FORMULA  
INTEL OUT FOR  
ANYONE TO STUMBLE  
ACROSS.

BUT I DON'T EXPECT  
A MAN THIS DRIVEN  
TO NOT WANT  
ACCESS TO IT AT A  
MOMENT'S NOTICE.



IF HE HAS A  
CRYPTOKEY,  
WHERE IS IT?

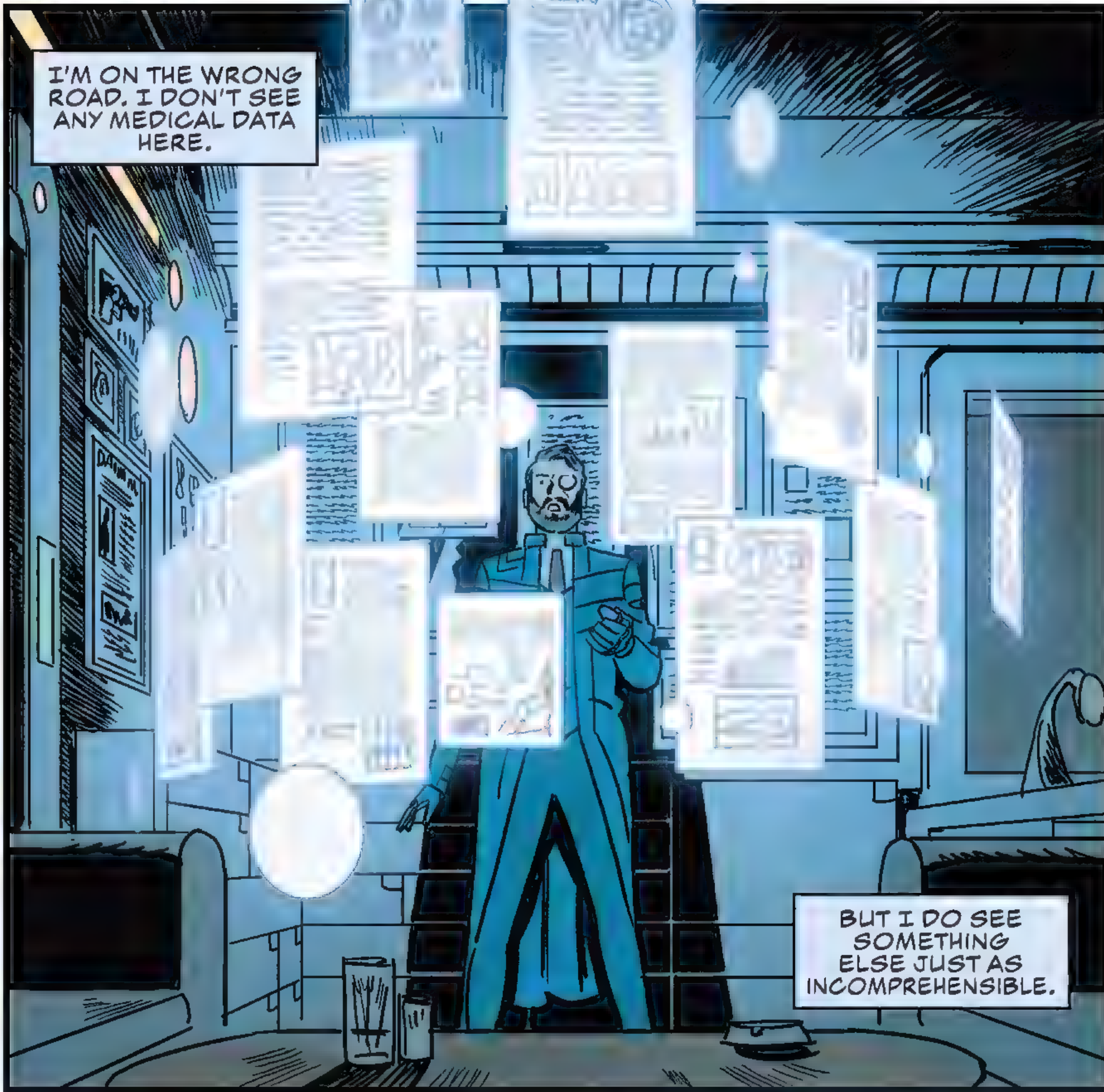
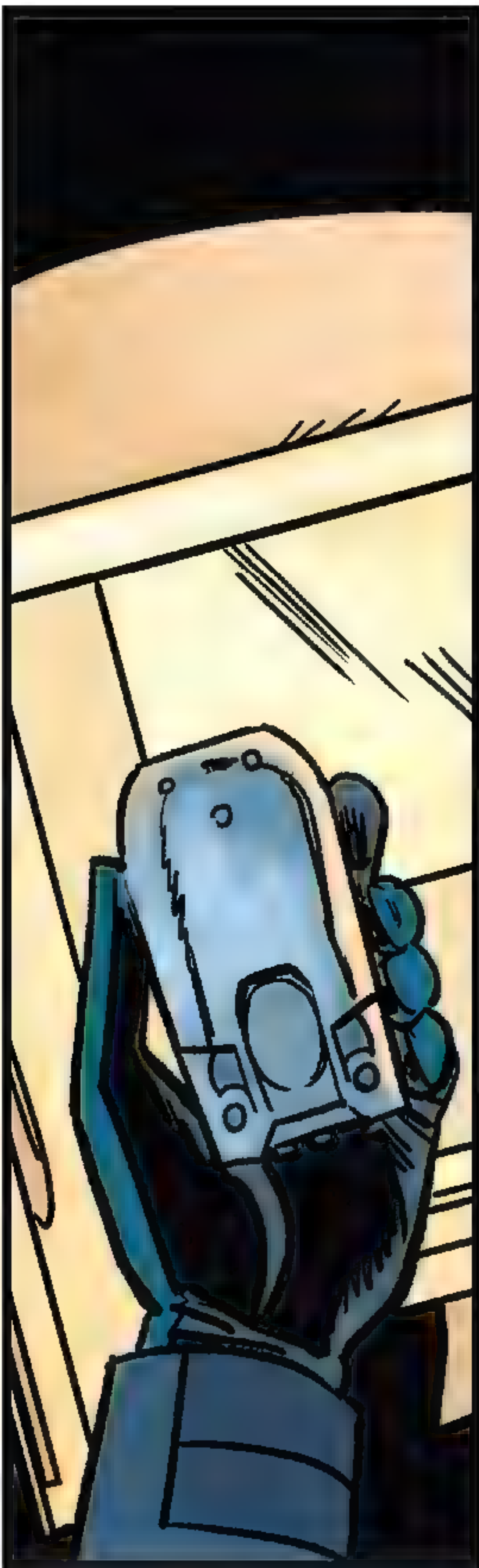


HELLO.

Certificate  
of  
Achievement

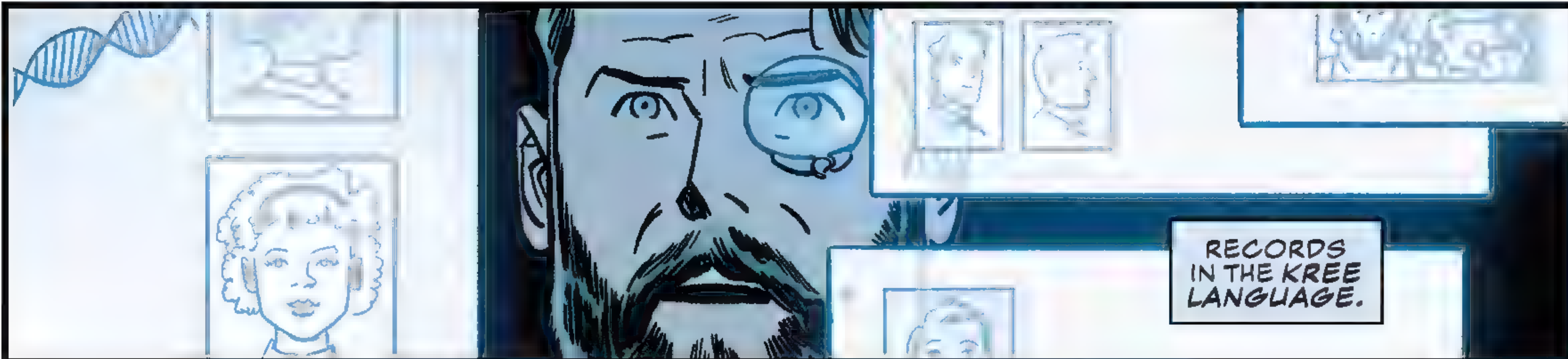
Certificate  
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Achievement





I'M ON THE WRONG ROAD. I DON'T SEE ANY MEDICAL DATA HERE.

BUT I DO SEE SOMETHING ELSE JUST AS INCOMPREHENSIBLE.



RECORDS IN THE KREE LANGUAGE.



I DON'T GET IT. PURSUR IS SO PARANOID ABOUT THE FORMULA FINDING ITS WAY OFF-WORLD. WHAT'S THE CONNECTION HERE TO AN ALIEN RACE?



I STUDIED KREE IN OVERSCHOOL. I'M NOT A LINGUIST, BUT I CAN IMMEDIATELY MAKE OUT THE WORDS "OPERATION STARMARCH." SOME SORT OF...

NO. NOT "SOME SORT OF." A PLAN.



THE TRUTH BEHIND THE FORMULA.

NO.





AMERICANS  
AREN'T BEING  
ELEVATED.

WE'RE  
BEING  
BRED.

THE FORMULA IS  
STILL GROUNDED  
IN THE ORIGINAL  
ROGERS SERUM, STILL  
BENEFICIAL...BUT  
WITH A TWIST.

IT TURNS THOSE  
INOCULATED INTO  
UNWITTING SLEEPER  
AGENTS FOR THE  
KREE EMPIRE.

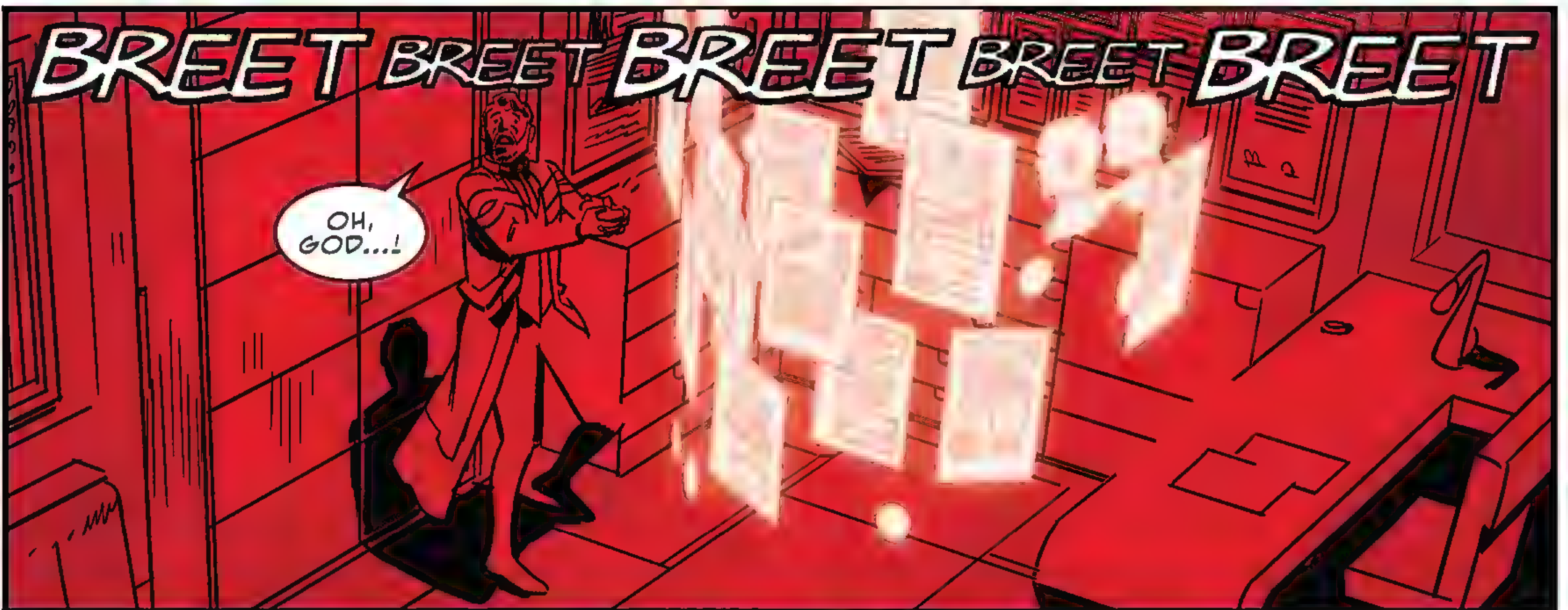
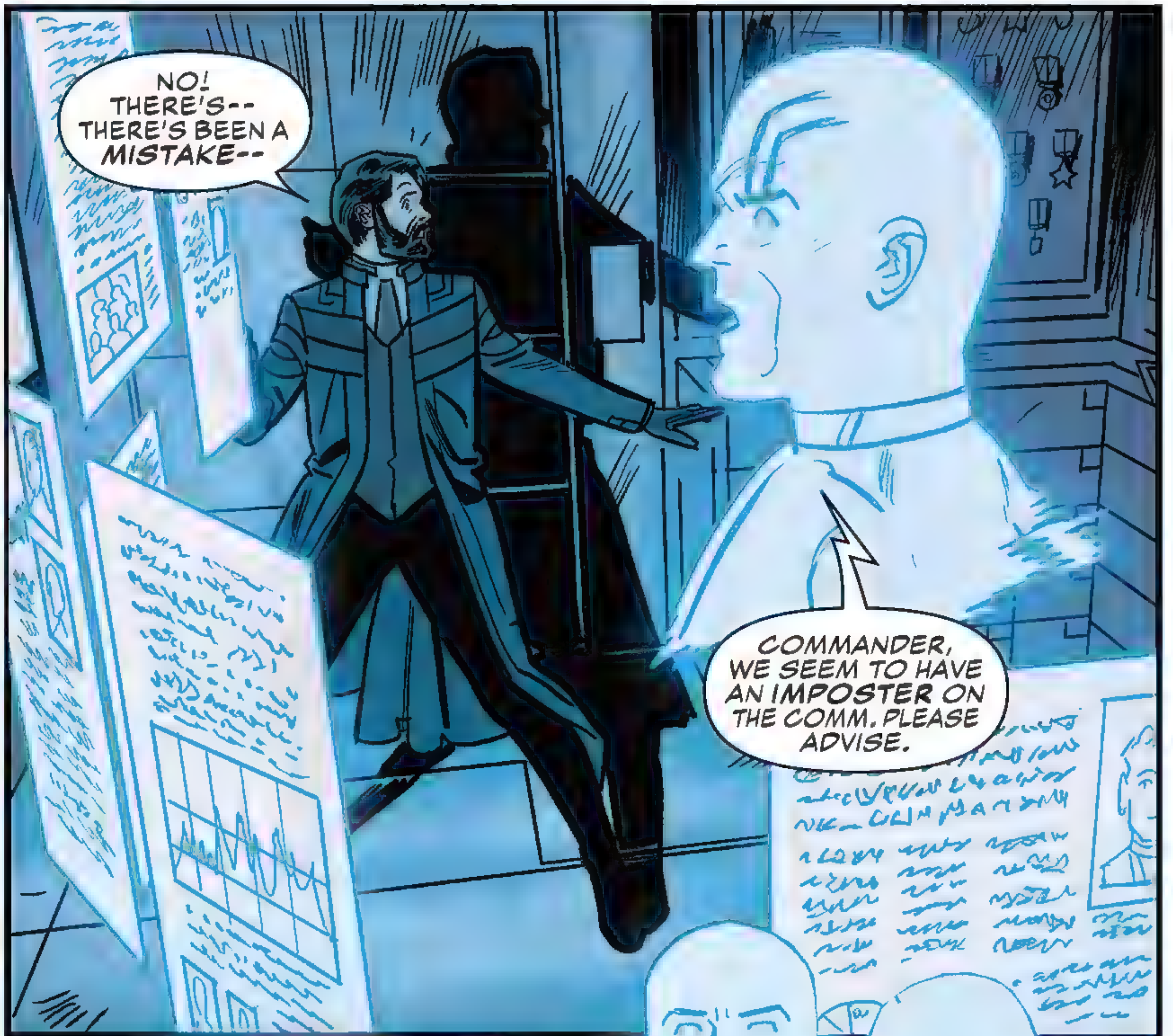
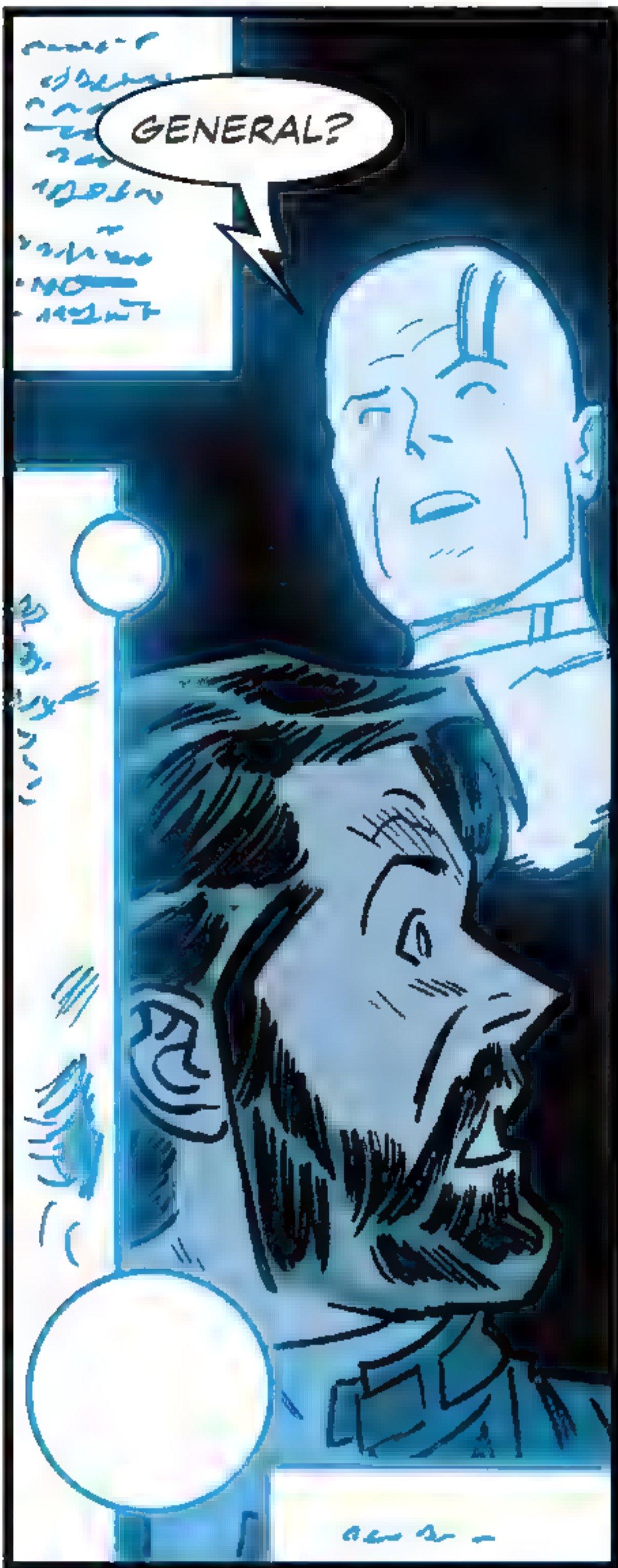
WHEN ACTIVATED, IT TRANSFORMS  
ITS TEST SUBJECTS INTO MINDLESS  
WARRIORS...SOLDIERS TRAVELING  
THE GALAXIES, AWASH IN THE BLOOD  
OF THE KREE'S ENEMIES.

BLP!

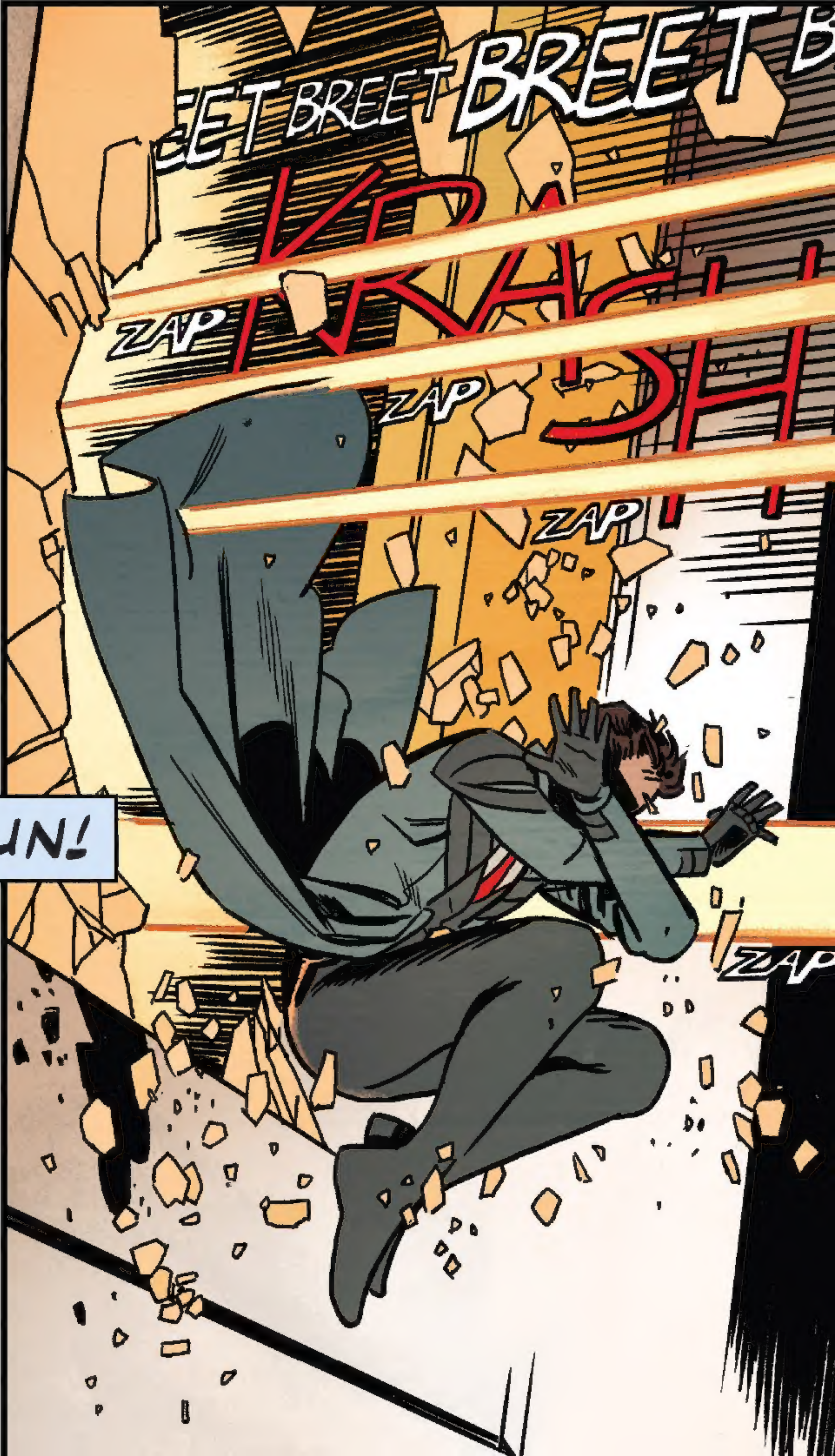
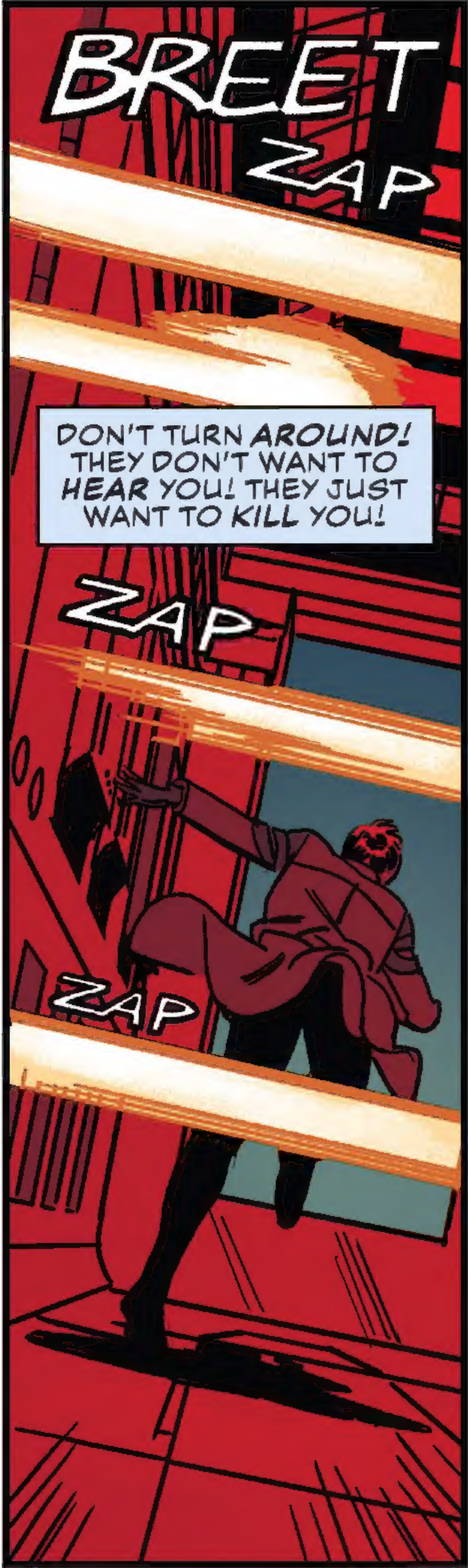
GENERAL PURSUR IS A  
TRAITOR. HE'S AT THE HEART  
OF OPERATION STARMARCH.  
PRESIDENT ROBBINS HAS NO  
IDEA THAT HIS RIGHT-HAND  
GENERAL IS A DOUBLE  
AGENT FOR THE--

GOOD  
EVENING,  
GENERAL.







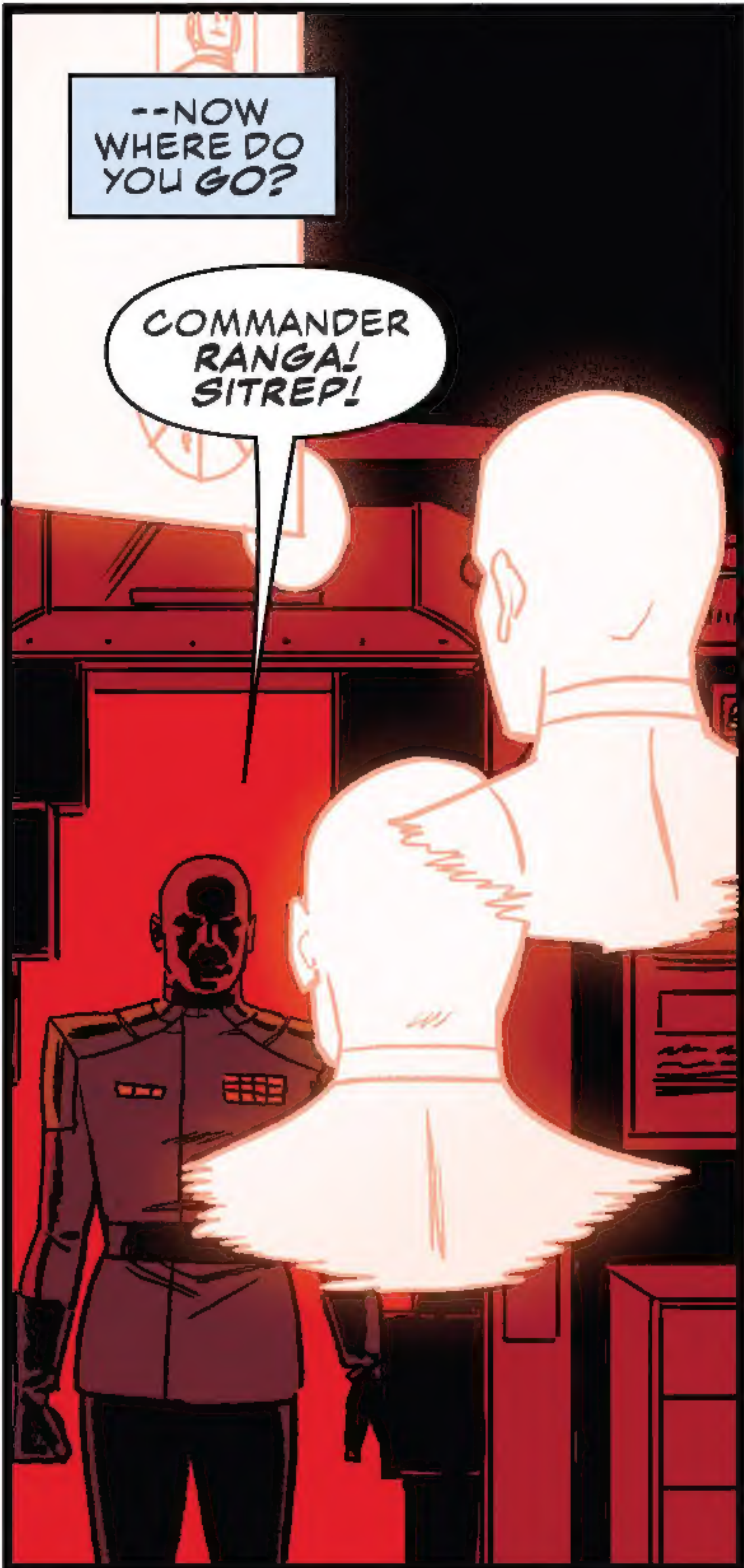






YOU  
IDIOT.

YOUR SON  
NEEDS YOU,  
AND NOW--



--NOW  
WHERE DO  
YOU GO?

COMMANDER  
RANGA!  
SITREP!



GENERAL  
PURSUR WILL  
KNOW YOU WERE  
IN HIS OFFICE.

HE'LL KNOW  
WHAT YOU'VE  
LEARNED.



AND HE'LL STOP AT  
NOTHING TO KEEP  
YOU SILENT.

ATTENTION, ALL  
PEACEKEEPERS  
WITHIN RANGE OF  
THIS MESSAGE!

THE WHITE HOUSE  
HAS BEEN ATTACKED  
BY A TERRORIST SPY,  
IDENTIFICATION JACKSON  
ROGERS, CITIZEN GF-35667!



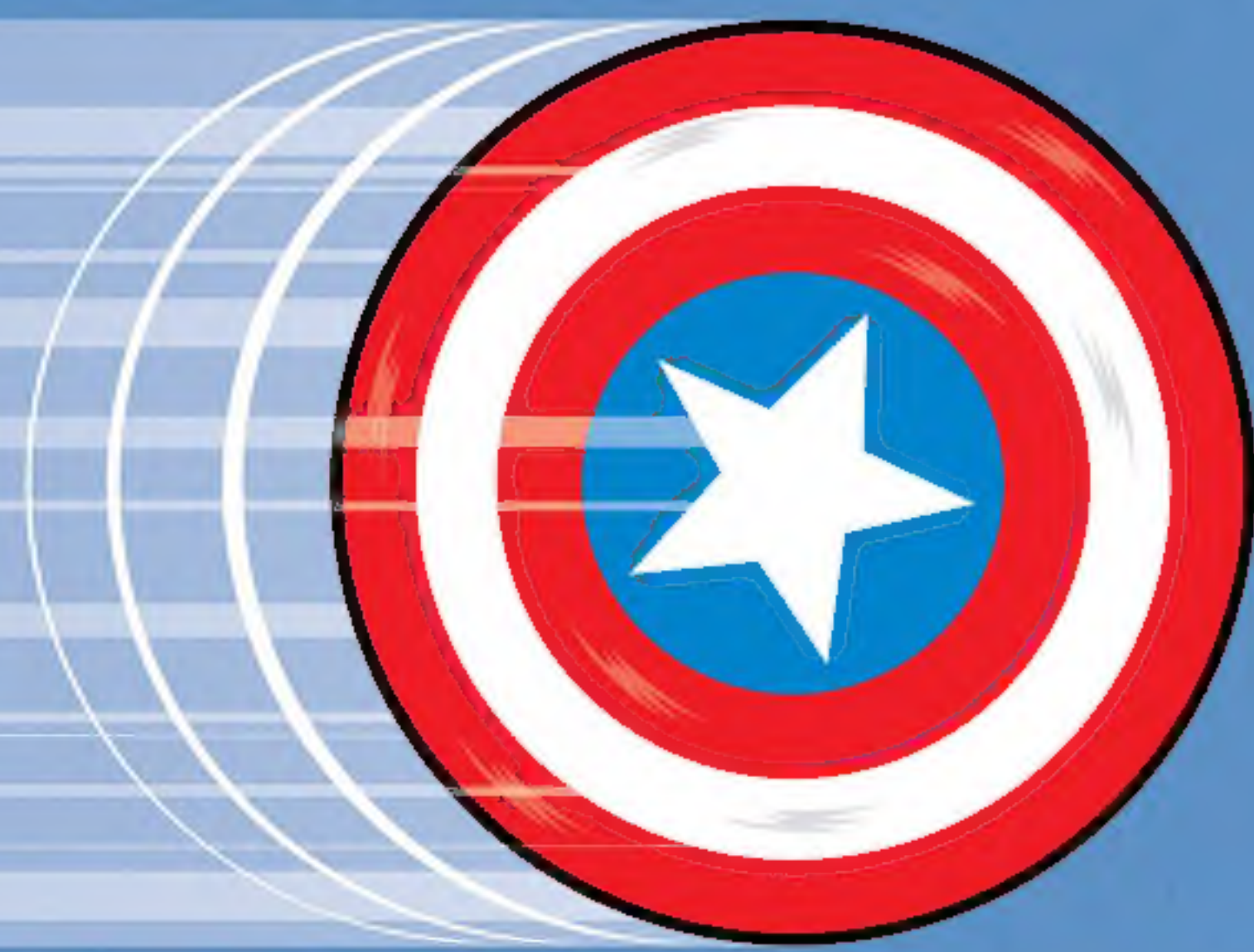
"FIND HIM.  
MUZZLE  
HIM."

"AND  
BRING HIM  
TO ME."

TO BE CONTINUED...



# CAP'S CORNER



## WHAT DOES CAPTAIN AMERICA MEAN TO YOU?

I have been a fan of Captain America since I was a young boy growing up in the 1970s. I played with my Mego Cap action figure right up until it was broken by my younger brother. This toy enabled me to have countless adventures as Captain America, saving the day and thwarting evil in its many forms. What I was unknowingly learning through play were the morals and values that Captain America stood for.

Steve Rogers was a frail young man who wanted to always do what is right even when he had the odds stacked against him. I knew that I was never going to be a Super-Soldier and save the world countless times over and over again, but I knew that I could make my mark in the world by helping others who could not help themselves. That is what drove me and helped me become an educator of students with special needs. For almost 20 years, I have worked with students with varying disabilities. Some of these students' afflictions have ranged from visual impairments to Down syndrome to suffering from cerebral palsy.

What I witnessed daily in class were students with the drive and determination to never

quit, and to always find a way to learn something new no matter how difficult it may have been. One way I inspire my students is by being the teacher that comes to school every day with his Captain America backpack. Some of my students and fellow educators refer to me as the Captain America teacher. Some of the elementary students ask me what is in my backpack.

In total Cap mode, I bend down, (I am 6'2") give a wink and whisper to them that my uniform is in the bag and to not tell anyone. They walk away in awe and with sly smiles. Every Friday, I wear a shirt with some super hero on it, for I am a Marvel fan and a Marvel fan only. My students make predictions on what shirt the Cap teacher is going to wear next.

Being an educator these days can sometimes be a thankless job, for I know I'm not going to get rich doing this job--that's not what I'm about and definitely not what Captain America/Steve Rogers is all about. It is trying to do the right thing no matter what, and to do it for those who can't advocate for themselves. I may not be Captain America, but I

try to live and teach the way he lives in comics and in other media forms today. I have a sign in my class that says "I don't believe in the word CAN'T, I believe in the word CAN!" In my heart, I believe Cap would agree with me 100%.

Art Chupka

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